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Meeting Notes
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 16, 2020
One Hudson City Centre
Suite 301
Hudson, New York

A regularly scheduled meeting of Columbia Economic Development Corporation’s (CEDC) Workforce Development and Education Committee was held at their offices located at One Hudson City Centre, Suite 301, Hudson, NY 12534 on January 16, 2020. No quorum was obtained.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived/ Departed
Ruth Adams	Committee Member	Excused	
Russell Bartolotta	Committee Member	Present	
David Fingar	Committee Member	Present	
Tish Finnegan	Committee Member	Excused	
Derek Grout	Committee Member	Present	
James Lapenn	Committee Chair	Excused	
John Lee	Committee Member	Excused	
Maria Suttmeier	Committee Member	Present	
Carlee Drummer	Board Member	Present	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present	
Andy Howard	Counsel	Present	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present	
Martha Lane	Business Development Specialist	Present	
Erin McNary	Bookkeeper	Present	
Carol Wilber	Marketing Director	Present	

With no quorum present, the minutes, the charter review and the report on discharged duties were postponed until the next meeting.

2019 Junior Career Institute:

Mr. Tucker informed the Committee, Greene County had expressed an interest in participating in the 2020 program with Columbia County. Ms. Wilber presented an update, noting the final session would take place on January 25th, ending with the graduation ceremony lead by Columbia Greene



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Community College President Carlee Drummer. Ms. Wilber stated there would be 13 graduates who would receive certificates of completion and a 6 week paid internship. She stated the graduates and their parents would be given a tour of Columbia Greene Community College by the Admissions staff.

Career Jam:

Mr. Tucker informed the Committee the cost of hiring a consultant to run the event would be \$15,000. He noted that Greene County had agreed to participate in the event and share the cost. The event would take place at Columbia Greene Community College and include 8th and 9th grade students. Mr. Bartolotta suggested 10th and 11th grade students also be involved. Mr. Tucker thought that could be done with an am/pm schedule. He stated the event would take place in the fall. He stated there was a Career Jam online portal, but was unsure of the cost or the usefulness to Columbia County. Ms. Suttmeier suggested a temporary link to see if it would be useful.

BOCES STEAMing Towards Success:

Mr. Tucker noted CEDC had contributed \$1,500 to the event. Ms. Wilber stated the event was geared toward educators and addressed the needs of STEM-related businesses. She noted written curriculum and classroom plans had been presented to the teachers.

Mr. Tucker stated BOCES was holding a STEM event at Albany County Airport on January 29th. CEDC would be participating in the event.

Mini Grant Program:

Mr. Tucker stated he researched micro-grants in other areas. He found most were directed to teachers or classrooms. Ms. Suttmeier suggested that the 10 school districts in the Twin Counties be given a \$1,500 grant that would be directed toward transportation to the Career Jam.

Other Business:

Ms. Drummer reviewed the Education Summit. She reported the GAP analysis was still being reviewed.

With no further business to come before the committee and no public present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Drahushuk