



**WA Military Transition Council
Career Technical Track Work Group
16 January 2015
Minutes**

Attendees:

Mabel Edmonds (Co-Chair)	Clover Park Technical College
Peter Lahmann (Co-Chair)	Northwest Laborers Training Trust
Dr. Steve Addison, Ph.D.	Clover Park Technical College
Marie Bruin	WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges
Susan Cable	Pierce College
Christine Campbell	Clover Park Technical College
Robert Comer	Camo 2 Commerce (by phone)
Peter Guzman	City of Tacoma
Danny Marshall	WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges
Frank O'Donnell	WA Dept of Veterans Affairs
Ken Seal	IUPAT/FTI
Jordan Shepherd	WA State Labor & Industries
Lynn Strickland	AJAC
Dr. Kathy Swan, Ph.D.	PNWRCC
Dan Verbeke	JBLM SFL-TAP
Steve Vincent	Health eWorkforce / TIAG
Morgan Zantua	UW Tacoma

Location: Clover Park Technical College

Meeting Context:

- Work Group (WG) last met 21 November 2014
- Quarterly Military Transition Council (MTC) took place 9 December 2014

Planned Discussion Points:

- Council Update
- 2015 WG Action Planning
 - Identification of CTT Resources and Activities
 - Strategies to Communicate Information
 - Collection & Tracking of Data/Success Stories
 - Planning for 2015 Service Member for Life Transition Summit at JBLM
- Key Dates

Council Update:

- Frank O'Donnell is the new MTC Project Manager for DVA. He recently retired from active duty after serving at JBLM. He provided an overview of the 9 Dec MTC:
 - LTG Halvorsen (IMCOM) attended and expressed how impressed he was with the JBLM partnership. He wants to replicate this model across the Army.
 - The US Chamber will sponsor another SFL Summit at JBLM. Target dates are 21-23 Sep 2015. Dan Verbeke works for Robin Baker and is the lead planner.



- Goal at SFL Summit is to incorporate a 1 day class for Hiring Managers/HR personnel
- Next MTC is March 17 at the WA NG facility in Yakima. Remote connections are being worked.

WG Action Planning:

- Frank O'Donnell advised that the DVA website can be used for storing MTC documents. Steve Vincent will forward all previous WG documents for retention by DVA.
- Dan Verbeke informed the group that Robin Baker's duties at JBLM have expanded beyond SFL-TAP; she now has oversight over the Education Service Office. It is unclear yet whether this is temporary. If it is permanent then it could lead to better integration of activities between the two offices. Marie Bruin highlighted that this change is a concern to the Education WG as they feel their issues will not receive sufficient attention. Mabel Edmonds expressed a desire to receive an update on the plan for the JBLM Education Service Office at the 27 January MTC Strategic Planning Meeting.
- The group discussed options for increasing visibility on Apprenticeship opportunities. Jordan Shepherd advised that L&I maintains a database, but the format limits searchability/usability. The WA Career Bridge site was discussed, however the only info it has on Apprenticeship is a link to the L&I site. Dr. Addison characterized the existing WA state government sites as "brochure" sites and stated what is needed is an "application" site. The group agreed that there are a wide range of great resources on various state sites. However, it is very difficult to navigate and obtain any actionable information for individuals seeking career path information.
- Jordan Shepherd offered to provide the WG with a more comprehensive and sortable file of WA state Apprenticeship opportunities via email by the end of January. He cautioned that this would be a snapshot of a dynamic database. He will also work to include Apprenticeship organizations that have a state-wide presence/role.
- Marie Bruin informed the WG that the Workforce Investment Act has been reauthorized. It specifically calls for a technology solution to serve as an interface providing information and methods for individuals wanting to obtain employment information. Veterans are one of several groups that could and should be served by this technology solution. There was collective agreement by WG members that we should engage the State's Workforce Board. The WG agreed that an invite should be extended to the Workforce Board to attend the next WG meeting so that the Career Technical Training perspective and needs could be clearly articulated.
- The WG has been invited to provide an update at the 17 March MTC meeting. The WG agreed that the issue of Workforce Board engagement around a future technology solution would be the most relevant issue to present.
- The WG will have an active role in preparing for the September SFL Summit. Peter Lahmann is already working to align the annual Construction Career Day with the Summit. Marie Bruin expressed concern that the 21-23 Sep dates are the start of the fall academic cycle and this makes it difficult for educators to participate.

Other Issues:

- Marie Bruin provided an overview of the proposed Army downsizing and let WG members know about upcoming "listening sessions" where concerns about the local impact of downsizing can be expressed.
- Marie Bruin provided an update on the status of Tuition Assistance issues. SBCTC is asking for authority to offer a waiver of the building fee for active duty military as TA does not cover fees. She noted that for transitioning Service Members SBCTC has already asked for authority to use Workforce Training funds to cover the building fees.



Key Dates:

- Strategic Planning Committee/Advisory Group – Clover Park Technical College
- CTT WG meeting (proposed) Feb 27 7:30am-9am - Clover Park Technical College
- Military Transition Council March 17 – Yakima
- Military Transition Council July 21 – Tacoma
- Military Transition Council November 17 - Everett