

**WA Military Transition Council
Career Technical Track Work Group
21 November 2014
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
Kelly Johnston	Tacoma Community College
Danny Marshall	WA State Board for Community & Technical Colleges
Frank O'Donnell	WA Dept of Veterans Affairs (By Phone)
Brandon Rogers	Bates Technical College
Jordan Shepherd	WA State Labor & Industries
Lynn Strickland	AJAC
Dr. Kathy Swan, Ph.D.	PNWRCC
Steve Vincent	Health eWorkforce / TIAG (By Phone)

LOCATION: Clover Park Technical College

Meeting Context:

- Work Group (WG) last met 8 August 2014.
- A core planning team met several times in August/September to prepare for the 21-23 Oct SFL Summit.
- Peter Lahmann will step in as co-chair

Key Discussion Points:

- ServiceMember For Life Event Recap
- SBCTC Update
- 9 Dec MTC Prep
- Work Group Future Goals/Priorities

ServiceMember For Life Event:

- Marie Bruin asked for group comments to facilitate feedback to Robin Baker
 - US Chamber said they wanted to do a WA state event to learn about the “secret sauce”, but then prescribed content and format that stifled unique WA recipe for success
 - Day 1 PM breakouts limited utility as military and educators split into separate groups so speakers were essentially talking to themselves. Educators never gained insight on the transition process and how/who to contact.
 - Construction and Apprenticeship were generally minimized/marginalized during the event. Construction, in particular, was an early adopter in JBLM transition and has 10 years of sweat equity that was not recognized by fully including them.
 - Heavy on Army/Air Force. Need to work better to include Navy and Marine Corps.
 - Day 2 industry sectors were excellent, but individuals had limited opportunities.
Recommend next time we do an AM broad overview of all sectors with PM breakouts.
- Expect a similar event ~Sep 2015

SBCTC Update:

- The WA State/DoD education MOU has been signed (Attachment #1)
- Marie Bruin provided an overview of FY14 Veteran enrollment data (Attachment #2)
- An issue has emerged affecting military members who use Tuition Assistance (TA). TA covers only tuition and not fees. WA State tuition incorporates some fees as an element of the tuition. This portion of the tuition is resulting in a bill for military members. The issue does not affect GI Bill funding. The issue is being worked.

9 Dec MTC:

- This meeting will be held at Clover Park's McGavick Conference Center and will focus on the self-employment track
- LTG Halvorson (Commander Army Installations Command) will attend at least first hour
- Group has been invited to contribute 2-3 minutes of optional content. The group felt that the items from Quadrant 4 of the Sep MTC slide would be suitable. Attachment #3 will be disseminated as a draft for group consideration.
- Some information tables will be included. Dr. Addison proposed sponsoring a CTT WG table.

WG Goals/Priorities:

- There is still a need to provide a tool that consolidates information and resources for transition. For example, much of the content from the SFL event should be available in a centralized, easily accessible, tailorable format.
- Dr. Addison highlighted that a cross-WG communication plan is needed. Heidi Audette from DVA is working on this.
- There is still a need for a centralized data repository for documents from all work groups.
- Jordan Shepherd suggested that it would be beneficial of the WG had 15-30 minutes to address Transition Assistance Program (TAP) classes.
- Include JBLM military rep as part of regular WG meetings and activities.

Key Dates:

- Military Transition Council Dec 9 10am-12pm Clover Park Technical College
- CTT WG meeting (proposed) Jan 16 7:30am-9am Clover Park Technical College

Attachments:

- #1 WA State/DoD Education MOU
- #2 Veteran College Data
- #3 Draft slide for 9 Dec MTC