

Regional Pre-Apprenticeship Collaboration

Meeting #13 Friday, February 24, 2017 8:00 – 10:00 am South Seattle College Georgetown Campus *Bldg C 122

Agenda

- 7:30 am Please sign-in, pick up name card, enjoy some coffee, and [fill out questionnaire](#).
8:00 am Welcome and Introductions.
8:15 am Shared Calendar ([rpacevents.com](#)) on screen (Questions? See Kris Larsen off-line).

8:30 am **February 2017 Focus:** Individual RPAC members committing in action to the:

WHY (Vision):

To create of a unified, region-wide preparatory (pre-apprenticeship) system that provides a direct and sustainable pathway to and through construction apprenticeship into life-long careers for local residents, women, African Americans, and other people of color.

WHAT (Essential Elements):

- Leverage the power of members and organization of the collective for sustainable, expanding funding.
- Coordinate and cooperate in outreach, recruitment, referrals, placement, and follow-up.
- Establish and share accessible, comprehensive, sustainable support services.
- Raise the quality and consistency of training standards and practices across the region.
- Create an industry demand for our graduates.
- Support existing / establish new best practices for retention (ie: organized mentorship)

HOW (Funding the Collaborative):

Plan, progress, potential structure and positions - Gary Schmitt
Structural example: Policy / Advocacy Branch - Karen Dove

WHO (Formalizing the Collaborative):

Original, vested members have moved to establish a Charter for The Regional Pre-Apprenticeship Collaboration to ensure an active, impactful collective. Toward that end, we propose the establishment of a planning committee to draft a Charter for review at the March 2017 meeting.

This RPAC Charter Committee should include solidly vested members representing:

- City of Seattle (1)
- Public Agency Partner (1)
- WSATC recognized Pre-Apprenticeship Program (1)
- Union Apprenticeship Training Program (1)
- Union Contractor (1)
- Open Shop Training Program or Contractor (1)
- At Large Member (1)

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Work Groups:

1. RPAC Charter
2. Policy/Advocacy
3. Training Standards
4. *Support Services

*To the Regional Pre-Apprenticeship Collaboration,

“DSHS is redesigning service to customers. There are new grants, programs and services available that many of our partners are not aware of, and their job seekers, pre-apprentices, and apprentices need these services (and then some) to ensure a successful pathway to sustainable employment.

It has become increasingly evident that **the union trades and the groups that support them can benefit from more comprehensive barrier removal services.** Patrick Whalin has joined this group to ensure that minorities, women and folks from less advantaged economic communities, in addition to people transitioning away from the justice system, or have been long term unemployed receive the support opportunities and case management to assist them in finding success via employment and self-sufficiency. With over 20 years of child support and DSHS knowledge, Patrick is working with partners around the state to ensure doors to free services are open and provide viable outcomes.

The **Alternative Solutions** program, as a permanent part of the Division of Child Support, **has created a comprehensive, user-friendly Community Based Organizational database with over 3300 statewide CBOs comprised of all categories of barrier removal services that will be made available to the public in early 2017.**

On March 31, 2017, Patrick will present this database, a quick tutorial on use, and explain how this free resource in addition to others can help more of our job seekers accomplish the American Dream.....as long as we all keep working together.”

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9:45 am

Last Call for the Good of the Order

10:00 am

Adjourn

(please return your name card alphabetically by 1st name)