

**Diesel Technology Talent Council**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

**Tennessee College of Applied Technology**

**8:00am - 9:30am**

**Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Participants**

**Attendees**

**Companies**

Ozark Motor Lines, Inc

- Shane Brigance
- Glen McDonald

Crow's Truck Service

- Allen Saffold

Ryder

- Benjamin Dancy
- Kenneth Hawsey

MATA

- Bobbie Abram

Averitt Express

- Anita Victory

**Staff**

Greater Memphis Chamber

- Anita Brackin

GMACWorkforce

- John Churchill
- Laurie Mudd

**Guests**

University of Memphis

- Dr. Stephanie Ivey, PhD, Associate Dean, U of M Herff College of Engineering Director, Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute

**Workforce Resources**

Arkansas State University Mid-South

- Alex Lamm

Tennessee College of Applied Technology

- Matthew Hagy
- Andy Helms

Workforce Investment Network

- Henry Lewis

## **Welcome and Introductions**

- Anita Brackin, Workforce Development & Education, Greater Memphis Chamber, welcomed the council. Brackin introduced both Benjamin Dancy as Diesel Chair, and guest speaker Dr. Stephanie Ivey University of Memphis, Intermodal Freight Transportation Institute. John Churchill and Laurie Mudd were also introduced as new staff coming on board to assist with the council.

## **TCAT Diesel Program and CDL Program Tour**

- Andy Helms, TCAT Project Coordinator, welcomed council and guests. Gave handouts concerning Diesel Powered Equipment Technology, TCAT Truck Driving Course Syllabus and Truck Driving Program Guide. Andy preceded with TCAT Diesel Program Tour.
- Alex Lamm (ASMS) discussed ASU Mid-South's Diesel basic 2-year Associate Degree program; high school students, starting in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, can receive 30 credit hours by graduation and follow up with an additional 30 to obtain the Associates Degree (60 total hrs). Lamm mentioned the program needs more modern equipment. ASU has new leadership in the program with Jeff Nike (a graduate of the Mid-South program).
- Trezevant is teaching TCAT curriculum. Students begin their Junior year; complete 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of TCAT at graduation.
- John Churchill (GMACW) suggested a future meeting to be held at Trezevant Career Technology Center. Anita Brackin (Memphis Chamber) suggested early Fall.

## **Southwest Transportation Workforce Center Conference, Choosing Transportation: Collaboration across the Pipeline**

- Anita Brackin introduced Dr. Stephanie Ivey and invited all to participate and be a part of The 2017 Choosing Transportation Summit's, March 23-24, 2017 located at the Memphis Botanic Gardens--handouts were given to all.
- The second day will involve high school students joining in and having interaction with them.

## **Open discussion with Employers**

- Glen McDonald (Ozark Motor Lines) would like the council to make a presentation to the West TN Safety & Maintenance Council Meeting which falls under the TN Trucking Association. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> and is being hosted by Ozark Motor Lines.
- Group interest in continuous online training accompanied with hands-on training to keep current with new updates with Cummings and Detroit software.

- Benjamin Dancy (Ryder) brought up he would like more information on Memphis Works and job listing, CNG because industry is changing, Dr. Ivey's research in trends.

### **Next Steps**

- **Proposed Survey Distribution to assess Company Workforce Needs.** Asked council to add to the draft survey what you want and need. Requested to send survey back to Anita.
- **Future Council Activities.** Anyone interested in curriculum and becoming involved with the schools, create a sub-committee.
- Alex Lamm have numbers of student/Adults in Diesel Technology program for next meeting.
- Henry Lewis will give a short presentation what WIN can do to help skill up workforce
- Participate in Dept of Veterans Affairs Career Fair at U of M for Hiring our military Hero's
- **Next Council Meeting** - Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at ASU Mid-South, 8:00am - 9:30am
- Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Benjamin Dancy