

BUTLER COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

MINUTES May 25, 2006

Present:

Jim Ferguson and Chuck Guiste – Penn United Technology; Clayton Woodward – Woodward, Inc.; Kevin Brahaney – Sonneborn; Terri Bowser – CID Associates; Neil Ashbaugh – Oberg Industries, Inc.; Jennifer VanGorder – Applied Test Systems, Inc.; Carl Bembem – TCWIB; John Fantini and Peggy Weckerly – PA CareerLink Butler County

Minutes of the April 19, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Manufacturing Technology Connection:

The Clearview Mall event helped people to be able to connect manufacturing with the end product, but we need to “massage” this a lot if we do this again. Manufacturing is a good career, and every company in the consortium needs to grow its business. With so many manufacturers, over 200 in the county, we should have better participation.

Website Development – Tiffany Bennett, Allegheny Graphics:

Ms. Bennett previewed the proposed Butler website and requested feedback for changes, content, etc. Please access and review it at www.alleghenygraphics.com/proposal/bcmc with username: *agadmin* and password: *ag123* Content, updates, and information can be changed four times a month with no charge, as can changes to text or photography. Creating a new page would incur charges.

Vision / Mission Agreement:

We have to support one another. Why are we here? What can we do for one another? How do we grow and promote manufacturing? We need to work on these. We need to work to grow a skilled workforce by focusing on the job seeker supply (feed the system) and working together to improve quality, safety, and lower costs.

Training / Grant Monies:

Many training slots are available and need to be coordinated through Carl ASAP. The more slots that are filled, the better the chances of getting another grant to train additional incumbent workers with Butler having a greater say in selecting the training to be provided..

Recruitment of New Members:

We need to recruit more companies to better represent manufacturing in the county. It was agreed that meetings will continue monthly in order to get better organized and do more planning towards the Consortium goals

Next meeting – Thursday, June 28, 2006, at 7:30 AM at the CareerLink.