



“Quality Service on a Personal Level”

## Fairfield County Business Advisory Council September 27, 2022-Fairfield County ESC Minutes

1. Call to Order 12:05 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda Mr. Parker, Kim Miller, all aye
3. Approval of the Minutes from May 17, 2022 Mr. Haughn, Mr. Belville, all aye
4. Benefit Bridge program-Gina Knight and Suzie Lynch
  - a. Pilot program started with 20 and had 10 active still in the program, 1 of 6 participants (Fairfield County), came with very few regulations. Allows JFS to bridge the gap with customers who were about to lose their benefits. Goal is to ensure participants have support. For example: Job Training, support services/incentives, ensure that skills and opportunities are there for those that seek them. Participants have gained employment and have lost SNAP/Childcare assistance-navigating your way off of the benefits. Benefits coach to meet one on one to help navigate. Peer mentor is available on evenings and weekends. Financial Literacy assistance with Park National Bank for a budgeting class. 5 week class upcoming to navigate all aspects of finance, including credit and grocery shopping. Incentives for obtaining education, completing 30, 60, 90 days, opening a savings account, etc. Referrals from within the agency, flyers, etc.
5. Review and Adopt Action Plan for 2022 (attached): Mr. Spangler, Mr. Haughn, all Aye
  - a. Review Membership (attached), add Chamber of Commerce presidents (Pick and Lancaster), logistics, general contractor (Fairfield Homes)
6. Review Joint Statement
  - a. 2021 Statement attached for reference
7. Have ODE provide strategies of other BAC's of those that have been recognized
8. Creation of the “Why” incentive for businesses-concern and interest in the students well being.
9. EFCTS Business Advisory Meeting Oct 20th. 5:45 p.m.
10. Workforce Coalition created-matrix will be created to show all that is available in the

county.

- a. Review data presented at the Coalition meeting.
  - i. Commuting Patterns
  - ii. Commuting Patterns Inflow
  - iii. Commuting Patterns Outflow
  - iv. Post HS Degree Attainment
  - v. Current High School Numbers
  - vi. HS Graduation Rate
  - vii. Countywide Degree Attainment
  - viii. Countywide Summary
  - ix. Open Positions by Industry (Online postings)

11. Career Readiness Program Recap-Rick Szabrak

- a. Crista for LCS, offered for a new navigator, Karie Stone reorganization to work in the Workforce Development Center.

12. Other-JFS Job Fair-Oct 20 4-6 p.m.

- a. [www.faircoesc.org](http://www.faircoesc.org)
  - i. About-Business Advisory Council

13. Adjourn Ms. Miller-Pietsch, Ms. Pierce