



**Center of Excellence for Clean Energy
Winter Advisory Board Meeting
December 03, 2019
230 Trans Alta Commons, Centralia College**

Members Present:

Troy Nutter, Chair, Puget Sound Energy
Kairie Pierce, Washington State Labor Council
Sarah Vorpahl, WA Department of Commerce (attending for Brian Young)
Bob Guenther, RETC
Alan Hardcastle, WSU Energy Program
Todd Currier, WSU Energy Program
Jim Lowery, Centralia College
Jeremy Gall, Avista (via phone)
Sara Bowles, Tacoma Power
Cecile Bamer, Regional Education and Training
Jay Pickett, Corps of Engineers (via phone)
Jennica Machado, Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council

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Rulan Crawford, Centralia College
John Steidel, Centralia College

Guests:

Henry Coats, Bain & Company
Anna Gurevich, Bain & Company
Jeff Fortner, Bain & Company
Serina Nguyen, Bain & Company
Dr. Joyce Hammer, Centralia College
Dr. Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia College
Jake Fay, Centralia College
Peter Guzman, SBCTC
Anna Nikolaeva, Career Connect Washington/Employment Security

10:00am - **Call to Order**

10:00 - 10:15 — **Introductions**

Introduction of new director William Westmoreland, members (present and phone), and guests.

10:15 - 11:00 — **Avista Project, Bain & Company**

Guests Henry Coats, Anna Gurevich, Jeff Fortner & Serina Nguyen shared with the advisory board an update on their work with Avista's Energy Pathways project in Spokane WA. Bain & Company, a contractor for Career Connect Washington (CCW), reviewed the program in detail.

Built upon CCW's Career Connected Learning model, the program has three distinct phases: Career Awareness, Career Exploration and Career Launch. The final stage includes an opportunity for students to have a paid work experience in the summer. This 4-week internship allows students to experience firsthand a wide variety of Jobs in the Energy Generation Industry.

Two cohorts of 20 students have completed the program and the education partners will seek CCW's endorsement as a Career Launch program in the near future. This certification will open up funding and expansion opportunities.

11:15-11:30 — Tenino Innovation & Education through Renewables (TIER) Project

William Westmoreland provided an update on the TIER Project. Portland Energy Conservation, Inc. (PECI), which was leading the effort, underwent an organizational change that led them away from this type of development work. As a result, PECI approached PNCECE to take over as the lead for the project. Phase 1 - Smart Grid project, which is a collaboration between Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and the Washington Department of Commerce, has been funded and the development is underway.

Phase II - Education, comprises a K-12 educational curriculum designed to teach youth about renewable energy and prepare those interested for post-secondary programs like those at Centralia College. The design approach will follow the Guided Pathway model, which is grounded in values of equity and social justice, educational and career attainment, learning, community, and accountability. The intention is to build a program that includes a successful completion model. Additionally, career-connected learning and cradle-to-career STEM education will drive the curriculum design efforts.

PNCECE is working with PECI's grant writers to complete a Centralia Coal Transition Grant application which is due 12/31/2019. The grant application is nearly complete and should be submitted before the deadline.

11:30-12:00 — Round Table Discussion of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan

It is time to update the PNCECE Strategic Plan. We had a brief discussion regarding the update. The Spring Advisory Board meeting will include a full discussion to develop a draft of the final version with the goal to review and approve during our fall meeting.

The director will circulate some talking points prior to the April meeting as preparation for the larger discussion in April. Input prior to the meeting is welcome.

12:00 — Lunch and networking

Meeting ended with lunch and networking.