**REGIONAL COUNCIL 9**

**Talent Development (TD) task Force Meeting**

**october 10, 2025**

**9 am to 10 am**

**IN-PERSON**

**1001 Research Park Blvd., Suite 301, Charlottesville**

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**MINUTES**

**TD Task Force Members Present**: Jean Runyon, Cheryl Kirby, Cathy Schafrik, Tina Weaver

**TD Task Force Members Absent**: Roque Castro, Kim Blosser

**Staff Present**: Shannon Holland, Christie Taylor, Miles Davis (CVPED)

**Guests**: Adrian Feltz, Mantle Technologies; Jack Honig, DHCD; Meagan Maynard, Albermarle County Public Schools; Nancy Pattillio, Cyber Bytes Foundation

1. **Welcome**

Jean Runyon called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

* + **Introductions**

As this was the first meeting of the TD Task Force for the fiscal year and it included new members, guests, and staff, introductions were made.

* + **Roll Call**

A roll call was performed. **A quorum was established, as noted above.**

* + **Public Comment**

No public comment was submitted prior to or offered at the meeting.

1. **Consent Agenda**
	* Talent Development Task Force Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2024

It was noted that the majority of current members were not present at the meeting for which minutes were being considered.

***Cathy Schafrik made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2024 TD Task Force meeting. Cheryl Kirby seconded the motion. Tina Weaver abstained. Motion carried.***

1. **Updates:**
	* Region 9 Talent Development Dashboard

Shannon Holland reviewed the dashboards included in the meeting packet which presented historical and in-progress committed and actual outcomes relevant to talent development projects. The active project dashboard will be presented at the October Council meeting, with an update from quarterly reports due October 20th expected by then.

1. **Proposal Review: GO TEC Expansion in Region 9**
* Updates:

Shannon Holland reviewed provided the following technical review updates:

* + The proposal version must be updated to June 2025 Per Capita or single region competitive version.
	+ Requested funding amount exceeds the $1,016,000 available Per Capita funds.
	+ The drawdown schedule and ROI must be updated
	+ The proposal will be amended to assure that PVCC and UVA Community Partnership are the higher education institutions involved in this effort.
	+ The role of the regional coordinator needs clarification.
	+ Details on proactive versus passive student enrollment are needed and confirmed business partnerships remain limited.
* Project Discussion
	+ Discussion highlights included:
	+ Leverages a successful statewide model with strong implementation partners.
	+ The longer-term ROI projections and percentage of population participation is less than 50% are longer than is optimal for a single statewide competitive proposal, so the per capita approach is best path forward. To do that the funds requested must be reduced to align with available per capita funds. The project team was aware that this might be the case but wanted to put forth the most optimal proposal.
	+ Timing of awarding this grant is important as it plans for six months of setting labs up and teacher training ahead of the targeted academic year for launching.
	+ Other external funding sources are being approached to fund the healthcare modules.

***Tina Weaver made the motion to advance the proposal to Council, with a revised budget to match available funds. Cathy Schafrik seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

1. **Proposal Review: Mobile AI Unit**
* **Updates:**

Shannon Holland shared that Cyber Bytes Foundation (CBF), with University of Mary Washington lab school, is managing this grant. Region 6 leads the proposal, which covers Orange and Fauquier counties in Region 9. The Council's role is to review the proposal, ensure it aligns with Region 9’s Growth & Diversification Plan, and consider providing a letter of support.

* **Project Discussion:**

 Highlights from the discussion included:

* There is significant work in dual enrollment with approvals for curriculum changes, college boards, etc. It was asked what conversations have taken place with the colleges and passport course compliance. Nancy Pattillio with CBF answered that there is a 1-hour course at UMW that informs the curriculum. She will share the feedback on a curriculum pathway to ensure that the dual enrollment credit is recognized across all the colleges in the region. There are credentials embedded, achieved through COMP TIA.
* Since community colleges have goal of increasing credentials awarded by 300,000 by 2030 (Accelerate Opportunity), efforts should be aligned.
* Questions were raised about the longevity of mobile units, which typically last 10 years. Nancy Pattillio stated that using a truck and trailer model removes the CDL requirement. The deployable classroom features 30 laptops, Starlink, a generator, server, self-contained network, and power source. With software in the cloud, hardware costs are lower and updates are straightforward.
* The project team will connect with VCW-Piedmont since the Bay Area workforce group is involved and will also connect with all community colleges in regions served to work on the dual enrollment process.

***Cathy Schafrik made the motion to advance the Letter of Support for Council consideration. Tina Weaver seconded the motion. Motion carried.***

1. **2025 Growth Plan Grant Opportunities**

Shannon Holland reviewed the Grant Opportunities flyer, which will go before Council October 28th for consideration.

1. **Other Business**

Jean Runyon expressed the desire to have the task force shape the talent pipeline by working directly with companies such as Astra Zeneca to understand the credentials needed and what machinery they need training on, etc.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.