

CORE Team Minutes March 18, 2024 Brattleboro Region

Introductions/participants:

HireAbility/Bonnie Haug-Cramp, VABIR/Collier Shutter/Josh Hallock, HCRS/Erica Korb, VCAP/Caroline Trevarrow, HireAbility/JOBs TeriAnne Walker, HireAbility TC Natana Gill, Job Corps/Gene Woodcock, CCV/Tim Birmingham.

Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Special Guest Presenter; CCV/Tim Birmingham
- Announcements/None

Guest Presentation:

- Today's CORE Team welcomed Tim Birmingham, Community College of Vermont, state-wide, presented CCV program CPEP, Career Pathways Entry Program. An on-ramp for career seekers.
- CPEP is a Community College of Vermont grant funded program of pre-employment activities; informational interviews, tours, job shadows, mentoring, internships, apprenticeships, that are coordinated with CCV courses.
- Program will launch its first cohort of 50 participants, Summer 2024, 7/3/24.
- Age 18+.
- Screened via assessment; Vermont Employment Pathfinder Tool.
- Open to New Americans.
- Program content is; 6 weeks, one 3 credit college course, 4 job shadows, per semester, runs Summer 2024 to Summer 2025.
- Classes will be virtual, held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8PM.
- Grant funds tuition.
- Successful participants will earn a stipend of \$560 upon completion of their program.
- CPEP is nested within existing CCV programs; Manufacturing, Human Services, Healthcare/Health Science.
- Occupations targeted for career building activities include those that result in industry recognized credentials.
- Additional activities may include; exploration, assessment, resume development, and interview preparation.
- Target participants are; Recent High School graduates with diploma, GED and High School Equivalency recipients that are also new to the workforce. Career Changers. And, those referred by employers who are trying to increase and develop their talent pool and/or improve employee retention.
- CPEP will serve Vermont and border communities in NY and NH.
- CPEP, grant funded until 2026, goal is to see it funded to carry through and beyond 2026.
- For more information, brochure, and link to application, see;
<https://ccv.edu> > workforce-career-development

Next CORE Team Meeting is Monday 4/15/24 at 3:30 to 4:30, in person at HireAbility office, 28 Vernon Street, Suite 400, Brattleboro VT 05301, optional remote invite to be shared.