

Howard County Energy Task Force

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Howard Building: Columbia and Ellicott City Rooms

Attendance:

Task Force Members		Present
Kenneth	Boras	
Randy	Clayton	x
Orien	Dalton	
Richard	Deutschman	
Steve	Estomin	x
Karen	Galindo-White	x
Abdul	Majid	
Bob	Marietta	x
I. Katherine	Magruder	
Geoff	Mirkin	
Daryl	Paunil	x
Janice	Romanosky	x
Jeremy	Scharfenberg	x
Rizwan	Siddiqi	x
Diane	Sweeney	
R. Daniel	Wallace	
Ed	Wilson	x
Guests		
Eddie	Swain	x
Ray	McGowan	x
Elissa	Reineck	x
Jim	Caldwell	x

Introduction:

Welcome and administrative items. The group decided to move the July meeting from July 5th to July 12th.

Ed welcomed Elissa Reineck as the replacement for Laura Miller.

Meeting Content:

Presentation by Eddie Swain, Director of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Howard Community College. The PowerPoint will be loaded onto basecamp.

- Mr. Swain described past disconnects between training and “green jobs”. In the past there were overly ambitious expectations for how many green jobs were going to be created. It has been more the case that they have been folded into current industries and jobs rather than creating a new category. Specific examples included a proposed transformer station that did not end up being built on the Eastern shore and the high expectation that wind power would create jobs.
- A better approach may be to realize that all industries can benefit from an enhanced knowledge of green energy and energy efficiency. New jobs are created within existing industries when enough tasks are added to existing jobs so that a new person is needed.
- HCC is good at partnering with specific industries to create needed training. They can customize courses for businesses and industries. Needs change fast.
- Mr. Swain provided a list of HCC credit and non-credit programs related to energy and the environment. There was a discussion about a new program related to HVAC technicians. This is an industry that could benefit from people having this type of job training, but there have been obstacles for creating the course, including having it be approved for financial aid assistance. Suggestions were made about groups that could possibly help with financial or other assistance – Green Building Council, National Association of Home Builders, MHAC, ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers),.
- There was also a discussion about if and how “green” and or energy job FTE’s could be quantified. HCC tracks graduating students for what they do after graduation and employment rates.

Sub-Committee Discussion

- The Resiliency sub-committee has posted a new draft to basecamp. They welcome any comments.
- There was discussion about the format that the recommendations should have. The Energy Task Force will follow the basic format of the Food Policy Task Force (available on basecamp)
- There was a recommendation that sub-committees look to other counties for possible ideas.
- It was decided that at the June meeting, sub-committees would be given time to break up into their groups and work on the draft recommendations.
- The goal will be to have each sub-committee have a draft to load to basecamp and then discuss with the larger group at the July meeting.
- In the recommendations, there should be short-term and long-term goals.
- These can be broken out by Residential, Commercial and Government

Follow-Up:

Tony Rosano, Resiliency Coordinator for the Howard County Office of Emergency Management will be invited to the June meeting.