

Participants



Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network, Cincinnati, OH

Workforce Central, South Wood County, WI

Central Iowa Works, Des Moines, IA

Omaha Workforce Collaborative, Omaha, NE

PACES, Wichita, KS

Opportunity Chicago Collaborative, Chicago, IL

Detroit Regional Workforce Fund, Detroit, MI

Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance, Milwaukee, WI



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AGENDA

Wednesday
October 13



8:30 a.m. **Breakfast and Networking**

10 a.m. **Welcome**

Kathryn Dunn, Chair, Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance
Community Investment Officer, Helen Bader Foundation
Ellen Gilligan, President & CEO, Greater Milwaukee Foundation

10:15 a.m. **Work Supports: Online Public Benefit Screening and Application**

- Collaborate among sites on an issue
- Develop the public-private partnership for systems improvement & coordination
- Provide access to information on public benefits for participants

Autumn Arnold, Research Consultant
Kelly Lucas, Community Foundation of Greater South Wood County
Kathryn Dunn, Helen Bader Foundation

11:45 a.m. **Strengthening and Sustainability of Funding Collaboratives**

- Create awareness of Funding Collaboratives and our goals
- Engage funders as a cohesive group
- Sustain the Funding Collaborative long-term

Stephanie Powers, Project Director, Public Philanthropic Partnerships, Council on Foundations
Jennifer Riegenbach, Workforce Central, Facilitator

12:30 p.m. **LUNCH**

Seating by Affinity Groups: private funders, WIBs, site staff, community colleges

1:15 p.m. **Sustainability Models – Options and Consequences:
Sharing Short-term and Long-term Plans**

- Cincinnati, OH
- Des Moines, IA
- Wichita, KS
- Detroit, MI
- Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- Omaha, NE
- Chicago, IL
- Milwaukee, WI

2:45 p.m. **Sustainability Challenges for Workforce Partnerships with Harley-Davidson and WRTP and management and labor representatives**

- **Mary Anne Martiny**, The Harley-Davidson Foundation
- **Pete Coffaro**, Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District
- **Earl Buford**, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership/BIG STEP
- **Mike Fabishak**, Associated General Contractors of Greater Milwaukee

4:15 p.m. **BUS TO HARLEY-DAVIDSON MUSEUM**
(Board bus in front of Helen Bader Foundation)

5:00 p.m. **Tour of Harley-Davidson Museum**

6:00 p.m. **Reception at Museum**

7:30 p.m. **Bus returns to HBF and hotels**



AGENDA

Thursday
October 14



8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **National Fund for Workforce Solutions Plans and Priorities**

Fred Dedrick, Executive Director, National Fund for Workforce Solutions

10 a.m. **Discussion on Employer Engagement Models – Milwaukee, Des Moines, Omaha, Central Wisconsin – and Their Alignment as Workforce Partnerships**

- Business Associations as Lead Partners
- Moving from Sector Boards to Workforce Partnerships
- Labor – Management Strategies
- Organizing Employers Directly

Wendy Boyer, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Facilitator

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH Policy and Systems Change Reports from Local Sites**

Wendy Boyer, Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Omaha Workforce Collaborative
Kathryn Dunn, Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance
Sue Gibbons, Central Iowa Works
Karen Tyler-Ruiz, United Way for SE Michigan, Detroit Regional Workforce Fund
Ross Meyer, Greater Cincinnati Workforce Network

1:00 p.m. **Community /Technical College Engagement with Workforce Development Funding Collaboratives**

- Involvement on Funding Collaborative
- Examples of Joint Programming
- Engagement in Career Ladder Discussions and Credentialing for Post-secondary Education

John Hoops, FutureWorks
Sue Gibbons, Central Iowa Works, Facilitator

2:30 p.m. **Funding Mechanics for Aligned and Pooled Funds and Working with Workforce Partnerships on Sub-Awards**

Karen Gotzler, Milwaukee Area Workforce Funding Alliance, Facilitator

4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

4:30 p.m. **Departure OR**

optional discussion on topics that emerged OR

Reception for Ellen Gilligan, new President of Greater Milwaukee Foundation Milwaukee Art Museum