



IT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

WESTERN MARYLAND

Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2018

9:00- 10:30am

Present:

Autumn Becker

Jennifer Light, ACM

Gene Silverman, BSI

David Nedved, Allegany County Government

Matt Growden, First United Bank & Trust

Bill Byers, WMHS

Guy Winterberg, Tri County Council

Mark Widmyer, Advantage Computer

Stu Czapski, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

Les Broadwater, Northrop Grumman

David Biser, Iron Mountain

Mike Flinn, Frostburg State University

- **Girls Who Code Update**

Our free Girls Who Code Summer Camp was held July 23- 27 at the South Cumberland Library from 8:30am- noon each day. We hosted 20 girls, all incoming 6th- 8th graders. We received a multitude of donations for the camp including cash donations from the Lavale Lions and Schwab Foundation to purchase t-shirts and snacks as well as recycled laptops from CBIZ, Northrop Grumman, and MBS Keystone. The library system provided the space at no cost and also bought pizza for the girls on the last day of camp. Willetts Tech bought water bottles for the campers. We had all female volunteers from ACM, ACPS, FSU, IBM, WMHS and Exclamation Labs. Melissa Kaye did a wonderful job leading the camp and we got great responses from the campers and parents. The planning committee will be meeting again on 8/13 to debrief from the camp and continue with plans to launch a club in each middle school. These clubs will allow for any middle school girl to join, regardless of whether or not she is an ACPS student.

- EXCELerate Update**
 EXCELerate is a new, innovative approach to flexible learning being offered as a two semester program and starting in September. Students will complete six training modules to give them the skills required for the entry level IT workforce. Or, students can choose to articulate their coursework into as many as 13 college credits, putting them one step closer to a one-year Certificate or Associate’s degree in Computer Science at Allegany College of Maryland. Training modules include Computer Fundamentals, Cisco Networking, Cybersecurity, & CompTIA A+ Certification as well as a program Orientation and Workplace & College Ready Essentials. Courses will be offered online and in the evening, making the program as flexible and accessible as possible. Additional course details can be found on our website- www.allegany.edu/excelerate
 Marketing material is forthcoming and will be sent to the group.

Autumn is still looking for an instructor to teach Cisco Networking 1- CCNA certification required. The course would be delivered in early 2019. Please forward any interested candidates to Autumn.

- Workforce Training Plan schedule reminder- Employers who requested seats for this training will be contacted to provide a roster.

TRAINING	DATE & TIME
Certified Network Defender (EC Council) * certification voucher included	9/24- 9/28/18
Tech at the Gap: Igniting Innovation	10/24/18

- P-TECH Update**
 We are actively looking for mentors for each student– if you would like to mentor, please contact Melissa. There are 23 mentors needed for the current cohort and 25 needed for the new cohort. Some mentors can take 2-3 students. Once the details are worked out on the communication platform, Autumn will send a call for mentors via email. Thank you to Charlotte Clark, IBM, who paid for the grant for PTECH to use MENTORPLACE as the platform for mentors to talk with the students.

For 2018-19 school year, we had 40 students apply! (9 girls total) There was a lottery to select 25 students and 50% are FARMS. There will be a dinner celebration planned for the new cohort in August 2018.

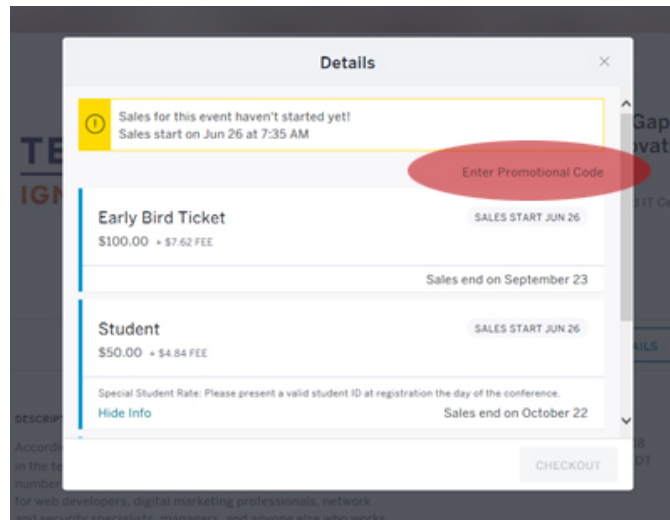
- Quarterly Reports**
 Autumn distributed the most recent quarterly reports submitted to DLLR on 7/16/18. If any partner has questions or needs additional copies, please contact Autumn.

- Current Budget Status**
 Overall, we are under budget in this current grant cycle by \$27,659.67. This is attributed to Tech at the Gap 2017 being largely under budget along with several other trainings including Incident Response, CEH, and Windows Server (the latter by smaller margins). We need to reallocate this funding and spend it prior to June 30, 2019. Autumn would like to keep a bit of a reserve in the case that we need to use some of it for Tech at the Gap 2018. Nonetheless, we need to plan for an additional training module to bring our budget to a zero balance by June 30, 2019. Autumn will determine the training module with the most pressing need by way of the employer training request surveys and begin the budget modification process once a new training module is identified.
- New Request for Funding**
 DLLR announced the opportunity to current grantees to request additional funding. The due date for our Letter of Intent is August 22, 2018. Funding would be awarded starting January 1, 2019. A discussion amongst those present included a few ideas to include in our next workforce training plan and these ideas will be included in the employer training request surveys. Autumn will be sending the employer training request surveys soon- please be responsive to her request as we have very little time to submit our Letter of Intent.
- Tech at the Gap Update**
 Tech at the Gap: Igniting Innovation is scheduled for October 24, 2018. Keynote speakers have been confirmed and we are still confirming a few breakout presenters. Sponsorship opportunities are still available on a limited basis. Full conference information can be found at www.techgap2018.com
 Tickets are now on sale:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-at-the-gap-igniting-innovation-2018-tickets-47434326347>

EARLY Bird (by 9/23)- \$100.00
 General (from 9/24 on)- \$125.00

Tickets on sale until 10/22/18 at 6pm!

Discount code for partners:
ITCEMEMBER- \$50.00 OFF



- NEXT MEETING:** Early November, 2018