

Meeting Notes

DATE **January 19, 2012**

PURPOSE **Launch**

ATTENDEES [first meeting RSVP list.xls](#)

Ron Townley & Kate O'Hara introduced themselves as facilitators.

Who needs to be at the table?

- Mark Williams, Henderson County **
- Brevard College **
- Nathan Ramsey
- ABCCM**
- Blue Ridge CC**
- Elaine Robinson**
- Stephanie Twitty*
- Center for Participatory Change**
- Rodney Locks
- Anthony Thomas**
- Johnnie Grant
- Local Employers**
- Venture Capitalists**
- AVL Area Arts Council**|
- Mars Hill College **
- Haywood Community College**
- Swannanoa Business Group**
- Local School Superintendents**
- Haywood County Residents**
- Private Sector Businesses & **
- Alt. Currency Group**
- Banks**
- County Econ. Dev. *
- Local media *
- ASAP**
- CIBO *



- Thomas Beckett *

*Have been invited to participate or attended other workgroups

** need names and/or contact information

Challenges & Items of Discussion

- Where are persons of color?
- We need to get out of the silos & get the “whole picture”
- How do we attract private sector jobs?
- We need Living-Family wage *permanent* jobs, not part time or seasonal

Suggestions & Recommendations for future meetings

- Put links to plans online
- Single source repository of plans
- Give the ED workgroup the rata data as the consultants review plans

Clarification of Plan Review:

Workgroup members suggested a variety of plans- many local; several state or out-of-region; some national.

The task of the consultants is to review *existing local (municipal, county, economic, non-profit) plans to determine if there is a pattern among these plans and/or to determine what data gaps exist.*

Other **local** plan suggestions:

- YMCA Minority Plan

The plans suggested at the meeting are not listed as they are not local & would not fall under the scope of work of the consultants.

Next Meeting date is February 16, 2012 at LOSRC.

At the March 16 meeting of the ED workgroup, our liaison consultant will give the group an update on the status of the reviews.