

2012 Workforce Development Committee

Chair:

Jane Bymark - Chair

Kyle Erickson – Co Chair

2012 Mission Statement

Provide support, coordination and leadership for regional rural workforce development

Our Vision

Under the direction of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, we will support the Chamber's role as an employer intermediary and act as the linkage between economic development, employment, industry and education (*E3).

Through the linkage we will foster strategic partnerships that prepare people to perform successfully in the workplace through quality education, training and skill building that meets the present and future needs of local & regional employers.

To accomplish the above, the WFD Committee will:

- Develop a strategy based on stakeholder input for implementation coordination and leadership of pathway to student success.
- Build business linkages to education.
- Promote and foster public policies that assist in moving toward the regional E3 WFD Initiative.
- Be a resource for WFD programming, development and facilitation.
- Award up to two scholarships that may be up to \$1,000 each in the spring of 2012, recognizing four- year academic and two- year career- technical bound students.
- Recognize individual customer service excellence