



Meeting Minutes
Subcommittee on Education and Workforce Development
Maryland Cybersecurity Council
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Attendance (9/16)

Greater Washington Partnership. He observed that several USM institutions are participating in the latter and that meeting disparate requirements of different initiatives would be challenging.

Rodney Petersen agreed that TPM is an effective model but stated that there could be value in leveraging existing structures rather than launching a new effort. These other structures include not only the Great Washington Partnership but CyberMaryland, the Maryland Business Roundtable, and the DHS/NSA Centers of Excellence.

Troy Stovall applauded the focus of the subcommittee. He observed that it is no good to build new firms without the workforce to sustain them. Higher education is degree driven. There is a need for the postsecondary sector to be nimbler, offering just-in-time badging and certificates. This will entail a tectonic shift in the postsecondary business model. Finally, he noted that an intentionality about equity and the inclusion of traditionally under-represented groups is critical to building the needed workforce.

Senator Hester expressed her appreciation for all of the comments. She agreed that there are many initiatives aimed at workforce development in Maryland and the Capitol Region. What seems to be lacking, however, is a center of gravity that could pull these efforts together. She noted several considerations that are key to her :

- High unemployment in Maryland

- GBC workforce report and many recommendations

- The upcoming CAMI workforce survey

- The likelihood that with the new Democratic administration there will be significant federal funds targeted on workforce development

She explained that the driving idea behind SB 1049 is to establish this center of gravity which could also serve as a vehicle for the expected federal funds in 2021. To help sort out what the subcommittee should recommend, she suggested a small subgroup to identify the top 3-4 recommendations it could endorse for possible action in the next legislative session.

Dr. Joshi mentioned Sena

billions for research in quantum, cyber and other areas in which Maryland is strong. He noted that the Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance among universities shows the value of coordination and stated that state-level coordination on workforce development would be valuable.

Senator Hester invited Senator Simonaire, Michael DiGiacamo, General Singh, and Greg Smith to share any thoughts they would like to share.

Senator Simonaire indicated that the objective of establishing a center of gravity was a good one, that the challenge was to make it real.

right for them. To this end, the

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