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2016-17 WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS FOCUS AREAS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR STRATEGY, EDUCATION, INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOCUS:



Centers of Excellence move into our 2016-17 year with a new logo. Earlier this year, Bryan Johnson, CoE-HSEM webmaster, also became the webmaster for the Centers' of Excellence site <https://www.coewa.com/centers-of-excellence/>.

Bryan collaborates with Dr. Meg Ryan, Director of Global Trade/Supply Chain Management to create a user friendly site that now includes information on our colleges' new BAS degrees along with other initiatives.

Working with our Center's team, Bryan continues to expand our site's information and resources. This includes a significant increase in the number of job and internship openings thanks to Wendy Freitag's efforts through our employer engagement program. Our 4th quarter Website Statistics Report is available on the "Our Services" section <http://wp.pierce.ctc.edu/blog/hsemcoe/our-services/>. During the first six months of this year our Center received over 13,500 page views. Our most popular pages were the work experience marketplace, career pathways, hot topics, calendar, and our services and about us pages. Our website has also started to have our pages showing up in Google organic searches.



Over a year ago the Center's Advisory Board established four majors' goals for the Center that included: 1) improving students and workforce outcomes to increase job placements. This would be through the creation of a sustainable internship brokering program that grows internships for all academic levels across all markets by 20% per academic year, 2) developing a career pathways maps which would include appropriate private certifications and training along with a "Guide to HSEM Career Pathways", and 3) development of a program specifically targeting transitioning military personnel be established.

An Advisory Board work group assisted staff in the establishment of a Maritime, Port and Transportation Security Certificate which will be offered at Highline College's CJ/HSEM Program fall of 2016. Working with our private and public partners, McKinstry and Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council, the Center is gathering the needed information and curriculum to support the establishment of a Mission Critical Operations (MCO) Certificate. Both of these certificates will target transitioning military and can be incorporated into the HSEM Degree Program, and 4.) the commitment to work with Pierce College on the development of the curriculum for the new HSEM BAS Degree which is projected to be offered (pending all approvals) winter or spring of 2017. We are pleased to report that we successfully accomplished all of the 2015-16 Board goals and objectives. We will carry these successful efforts into the new year with some modifications made through "lessons learned" and applied in our 2016-17 Plan.

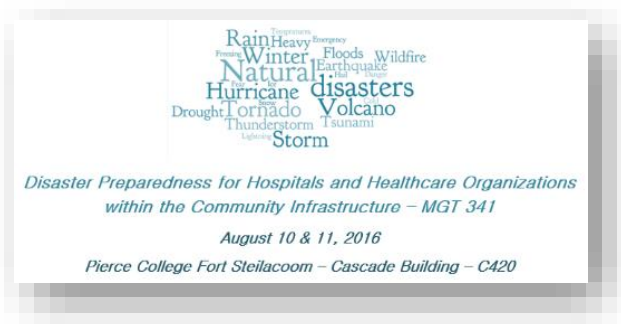
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The Center submitted its approved 2016-17 State Board Work Plan on July 28. The plan elements were reviewed and approved by the Center's Advisory Board and Jo Ann Baria Pierce's VP prior to submittal. This year the Board asked the Center to continue its focus on two major elements they believed were critical to HSEM student career success: 1.) expanding the employer engagement activities to include career pathways in public safety and security, and 2.) healthcare, training and technical support of the guided pathways imitative.

With the introduction this year of the "guided pathways model" to the SBCTC system, the Center continues to expand its efforts supporting the six HSEM career cluster programs. This student centered approach provides clear direction and guidance leading towards the students' career goals. It will also include a variety of work experience opportunities, resource support, and training for career cluster program staff and faculty.

The Center staff met with Peter Guzman, the SBCTC Policy Associate for Workforce Education, in late July to review the Center's 2016-17 Work plan. Peter will work with all of the ten (10) Centers of Excellence. His primary focus of interest is economic development. The role Peter sees for himself at Policy Associate is as a collaborator and advocate for all of the CoEs. He wants to help them be successful in all of their activities. He acknowledged that prior to our meeting he did not have a good understanding of the depth and breadth of the careers in the all-hazard emergency management field. We look forward to a great working relationship with Peter.



Pierce College and staff from the Allied Health and HSEM Centers of Excellence will host a two day FEMA funded workshop on August 10 & 11 for over 65 hospitals and healthcare organizations. The training will review the fundamentals of disaster preparedness and recovery planning. There is no cost to participants and funding is from a FEMA training grant.

This is the first activity outlined in the 2016-17 HSEM COE Workplan and will be done in collaboration with the Allied Health COE. The second activity will be a discussion with allied health professionals, faculty and program managers regarding the establishment of a certificate for a Healthcare Emergency Manager as part of the HSEM Degree Program. This is an online curriculum that may be used by all allied health programs across the CTC system to address disaster/emergency management training needs.

In addition to the training grant for the Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations the Center worked with Pierce College in order to be able to offer a unique training opportunity with the National Protection and Programs Directorate Office. This training opportunity will have the Center and Pierce College



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work with DHS to host a one-day Security Workshop to enhance awareness of, and response to, an active shooter event. This “Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop” will take place at Pierce College Puyallup on September 1, and is one of five (5) locations selected nationally to build emergency planning capabilities. The event is open and free 150 private, public and non-profit organizations.