

Strategic Plan Advisory Network (SPAN) August 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Strategic Plan Advisory Network met at Cecil College, North East Campus, in the Technology Building on August 14, 2013. The following members of SPAN were present:

Richard Bayer, Richard Brooks, Steve Connelly, Denise Davis, Scott Flanigan, Patricia Folk, Mario Gangemi, Michael Holmes, Grove Miller, Chip Peterson, Mike Ratchford, Dan Schneckenburger, Eric Sennstrom, Dave Trolio, Clyde Van Dyke, Wyatt Wallace, Al Wein, Ken Wiggins, Joe Zang

Al Wein, Chairman, called for an approval of the July minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted.

The Directory of Membership was passed around the room, any corrections were to be made on the list and submitted to Janice Palmer.

The ballots for Vice Chair were passed out, collected and tallied. Raymond "Chick" Hamm will preside as Vice Chair of the Strategic Plan Advisory Network.

Diane Lane led the group in discussion about current conditions in Cecil County. Key issues were listed on a large work pad, some of which are listed here: high unemployment, substance abuse, lack of transportation, shortage of health care practitioners, homelessness, job opportunities not a match with the workforce, lack of leisure recreation for all age groups, lack of infrastructure, lack of county wide broadband, need for more collaboration between both the state and county, and county and municipalities, large amount of municipalities makes governance difficult, low aspirations of students and college attainment, land use mandates by the state.

The SPAN members were asked to break into four groups of five and discuss themes related to a vision and mission for Cecil County.

The groups were called back to report their findings. Several groups wanted to make bold statements, to aim high. Diane Lane will compile the vision and mission statements and report back to the Network at the beginning of next month's meeting.

The SPAN members were also asked to choose values that most hardily move the mission forward. Several values were listed, some of which are listed here: integrity, innovativeness, empowerment, inclusiveness, patriotism, responsibility, dignity, accountability, civility, excellence, service before self, and collaboration.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

