

**AHEN Fall Meeting  
November 17–19, 2014  
Ridgway, PA**

**Monday – November 17, 2014**

6:00 Dinner meeting. Agenda to include Network business only: review of evaluations of this year's conference and plans for next year.

**Tuesday – November 18, 2014**

**8:00 – 8:30      Networking/Coffee**

**8:30 – 8:45      Welcome** – Eric Bridges, Executive Director of North Central

**8:45 – 9:00      Overview of the North Central Region** – Susie Snelick, Workforce Investment Board Director (WIB), North Central

**9:00 – 10:30    Business and Education Connect Initiative**

Moderator/Presenter – Pam Streich, Director of Planning, North Central  
Kate Brock – Executive Director, Community Education Center of Elk & Cameron Counties  
Jackie Lundy – Education Program Manager, Community Education Center of Elk & Cameron Counties  
Bob Veilleux - Executive Director, Potter County Education Council

Connecting our business and industry to education has been a major goal of our region for several years to ensure our employers have a skilled workforce and that our youth are aware of the career opportunities right here at home. Our partners will discuss with you their initiatives and best practices.

**10:30 – 10:45    Break**

**10:45 – 12:00    Workforce Panel – Impact of WIOA and the Job Driven Workforce System**

Moderator/Presenter – Susie Snelick, WIB Director, North Central  
Larry Horning – Director of Operations of Workforce Development, North Central  
Blythe Brunner – Workforce Systems Director, North Central

With the recent passage of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, there will be changes in how workforce services are delivered across the country. The new bill and pending regulations will provide opportunity for our AHEN Members to engage with workforce and economic development. In addition the Vice President also released the

Job-Driven Workforce System Policy about the same time the WIOA was passed. We'll discuss opportunities presented with both new efforts.

**12:00 – 1:00**     **Lunch**

**1:00 – 1:30**     **Rural Regional College**

Duane Vicini - President of the Education Consortium of the Upper Allegheny (ECUA)  
Helene K. Nawrocki RN, MSN – Special Project Consultant, Potter County Education Council  
Kate Brock – Executive Director, Community Education Center of Elk & Cameron Counties

The North Central Region is excited about the new opportunities that the Rural Regional College will bring to our residents of the region; offering post-secondary education that is accessible and affordable. You will hear about the history of this effort and what the future holds.

**1:30 – 3:00**     **North Central JOBS! Joint Opportunities Bring Success**

Moderator/Presenter – Eric Bridges, Executive Director, North Central  
Cindy Nellis – Assistant Director, Clarion University Small Business Development Center  
Gerry Schneggenburger – Director of Client Services, Northwest Industrial Resource Center  
Pam Streich – Director of Planning, North Central  
Bradley Lashinsky - Jefferson County Director of Economic Development

This panel will discuss best practices that have occurred since the kick-off of this initiative in June 2014. The goal of this initiative is better collaboration amongst workforce development, economic development and education entities. Successes and roadblocks with strategies to overcome as well as sustainability efforts will all be discussed.

**3:00 – 3:15**     **Break**

**3:15 – 4:30**     **Youth Entrepreneurship Best Practices**

Moderator - Susie Snelick – WIB Director  
Tataboline Enos - President and Executive Director of the PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship  
Cindy Nellis – Assistant Director, Clarion University Small Business Development Center

Many creative opportunities for our young people to learn about becoming a successful entrepreneur have been presented over the past year or two. You will hear about a couple of successful initiatives occurring in our region from the PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship to our E-Business Clubs including the curriculum, through Junior Achievement.

**4:30 – 5:00**      **Wrap-Up**

**5:00**              **Adjourn**

**5:30**              **Group Dinner**

**Wednesday – November 19, 2014**

**8:00 – 8:30**      **Networking/Coffee**

**8:30 – 9:00**      **Tour of the PA CareerLink®**

**9:00 – 9:45**      **Q &A of PA CareerLink® and discussion regarding collaboration with stakeholders**

**9:45 – 10:00**    **Break**

**10:00 – 12:00**   **Network Meeting – Post Secondary Education Persistence and additional discussion on 2015 conference**

**12:00**            **Adjourn with Grab and Go Lunch**