

Board Report October 2026 Casie Grau, School-Community Partnership Coordinator

Business Advisory Council (BAC)

The first BAC meeting was held on September 30, 2026 at Charter Next Generation (CNG) in Lexington, Ohio. Participation and feedback were positive regarding the meeting content and location. Speakers included Clint Knight from Richland Area Chamber & Economic Development; Ron Bise and Mark Cacchio from CNG; Action Team updates from Randi Spoon at Morrow County Development Office and Crystal Dean at Crawford Partnership; and, Kevin Fourman and Bethany Rachel from Mid-Ohio ESC. Additionally, a tour of CNG was included and attendees were eager to learn about the facility.

The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2026 at Avita Health System – Galion Hospital.

Our BAC Plan and Addendum has been submitted to ODEW. The Addendum will help to determine our Star rating, which has previously been a prestigious 3 out of 4 Star Award.

TurboCert

All first semester TurboCert programs are underway in Crawford, Morrow, and Richland counties. These programs are Phlebotomy and Drone Operations & Safety in Crawford County at the Crawford Success Center; OpTIC Fiber Splicing Training in Morrow County at the Miller Center; and Phlebotomy in Richland County at Mid-Ohio ESC.

We are also working collaboratively with other organizations to submit a new, “approved bundle” under the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program (IWIP) for our phlebotomy program. We will not know if the submission is approved until January, 2027. If the bundle is not approved, we may re-apply in March, 2027.

Crestline Exempted Village School District

Our Career Connection Team is providing career-connected classroom instruction each school day at Crestline High School. We have also presented an offer to provide training to Crestline Staff for their utilization of YouScience.

Galion 21st Century Grant

Kevin Fourman has been assisting with the administrative pieces of this grant. His work includes updating budget spreadsheets, timesheet templates, attendance spreadsheets, and student enrollment forms.

Career Pathway Support Network (CPSN)

Meetings for the 2026-2027 school year are now scheduled for our Cluster Region of Ashland, Richland, and Wayne Counties. Members include school administrators, economic development leaders, CTE staff, and Career Coaches. As the lead ESC for this work, we will relay information to the cluster members about the work being done across the Northeast Region concerning career technical education. We will also organize professional development for those in our cluster. The professional

development will include a focus on new programs and initiatives from ODEW, such as how to comply with S.B. 328.

Additional Collaborative Efforts

Our team has actively participated in the following efforts and events across Crawford, Morrow, and Richland counties this month: Recruitment of students for MOESC's Speech Language Pathologist/School Psychologist Mentor program, Aviation Day and Manufacturing Days in Richland County; MoCo Career Expo in Morrow County; Manufacturing Day and the facilitation of Pre-Apprenticeship workplace tours in Crawford County. Each of these initiatives aim to expose students in our region to local, in-demand career opportunities.