



Business And Economic Development Committee Meeting

April 13, 2023
3:00pm

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AGENDA

CareerSource Southwest Florida
6800 Shoppes at Plantation Drive,
Fort Myers
April 13, 2023
3 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Welcome and Introductions**
- III. Approve March 24, 2023 minutes**
- IV. SWFL Equitable Jobs Pipeline**
- V. Open Forum**
- VI. Adjournment**



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BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meet at Florida Southwestern State College (FSW) Campus, Ft. Myers

March 24, 2023

10 am

MINUTES

Members Present:

Keitha Daniels
Dave Gammon
Michael Wukitsch

Rosemary Flori
John Talmage

Members Absent:

Michael Dalby
Adrian Llanes

Jim Lamb
Adrian Kerr

Guests/Interested Parties Present:

Melanie Schmees, FGCU

Staff Present:

Bill Welch, Staff Liaison

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by John Talmage, Chair, at 10:00 a.m. in-person. Role call was conducted and confirmed quorum.

II. Approval of February 16, 2023, Minutes

Keitha Daniels motioned for the approval of the February 16, 2023, minutes and Dave Gammon seconded the motion and motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

III. Lee County FAM Tour

Alico Corridor 10:30
Amazon
NeoGenomics
Scotlynn
ITEC
Pravda – Walking Tour of facility
Treeline Corridor 11:30
Meridian Center
Gulf Coast Logistics Center
Terminal Access Park
Jetloop Pkwy
Norman Love Confections – Walking Tour of facility
Lunch – RSW 1:00
Return to FSW 2:45pm

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



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Overview



FGCU received **\$22.9 million** dollars in federal funding from the Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge.

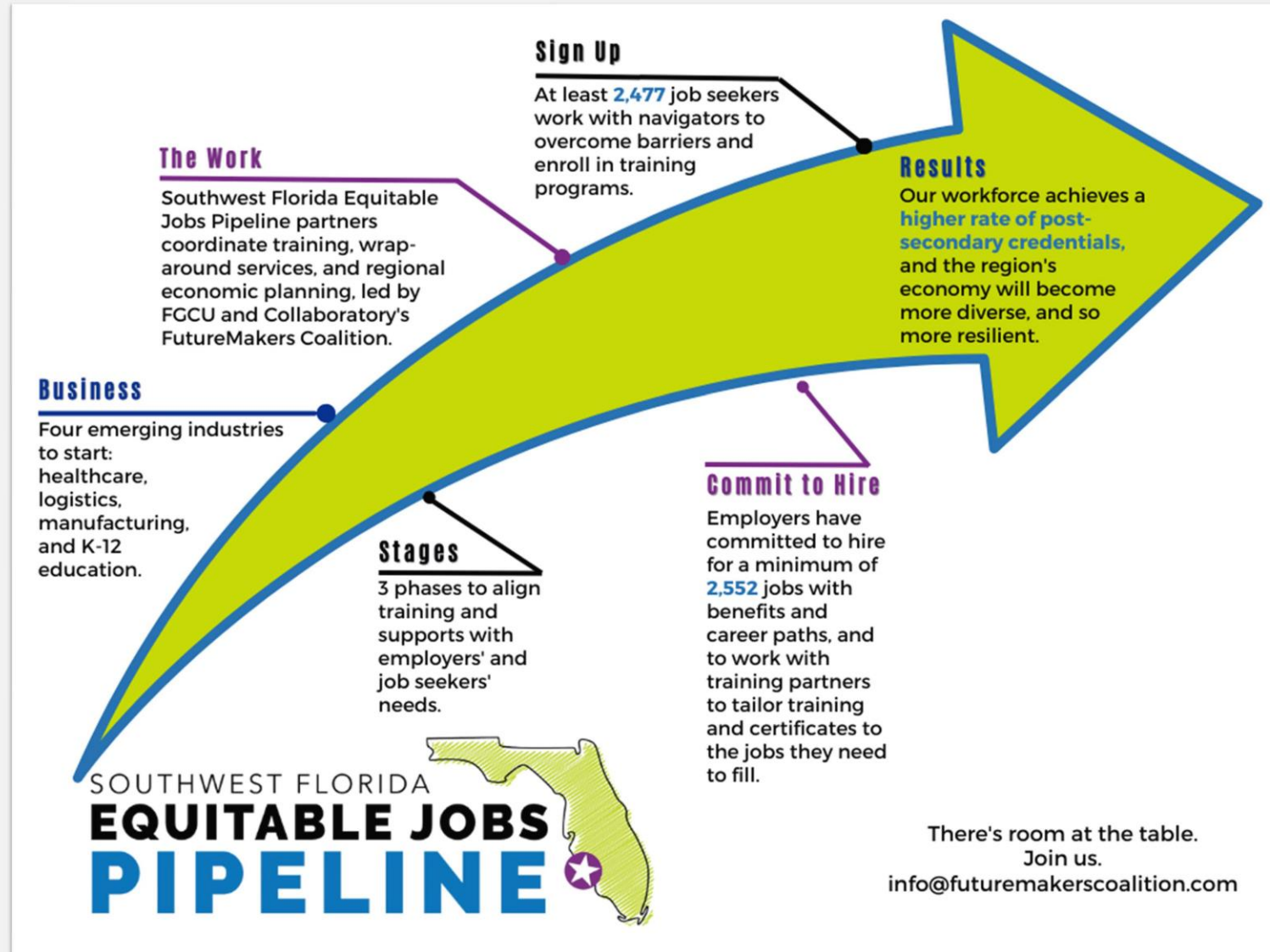
- **Focus Industries:** Healthcare, K-12 Education, Logistics and Manufacturing
- **Focus Geography:** Five-county region in SWFL
- **Goal:** Training completion leading to job placement and job advancement in the focus industries
- **Impact:** 1,700 job seekers placed in good jobs
- **Funding Objectives:** Tuition, Program Development, Wrap-around Services
- **Future Opportunities:** Supplemental funding for expansion to additional sectors, research projects
- **Timeline:** September 2022 – August 2025



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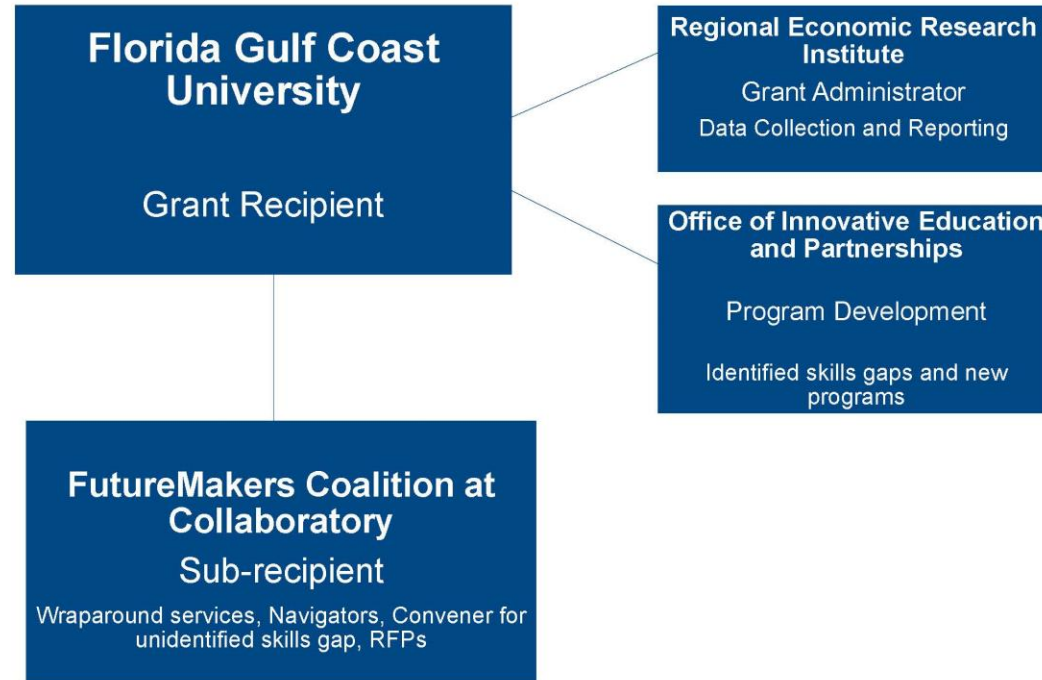


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What was in
place for success



**FGCU/RERI as System Lead
Collaboratory as Backbone Organization**



**FutureMakers Coalition's proven
engagement and leadership model**



**Wrap-around services via FutureMakers
Coalition Graduate! SWFL Navigators**



**2,552 employer commitments at time of
application**



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What to expect over the next 36 months

Formalized MOUs with employers including commitments to hire

Skills gap analysis

Formalized MOUs with education/training partners

Program development and training (1800+ trained)

Training navigation and connection to jobs (1700+ employed)

Feedback loops to drive policy, practice, and program changes to promote success

Research

Fundraising

Sustainability planning



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Progress Updates

- **Sectoral Updates / Employer Engagement**
 - Wrapping up skills gap
 - 50 employers reached

- **Phase 1 Partnerships**
 - SRMA for skills gap meetings with manufacturers
 - CareerSource
 - GrowFL

- **Milestones**
 - 320 reconnectors reached from September 2022 - March 2023

- **Phase 2**
 - RFPs for training programs will be out in June
 - More engagement opportunities for employer-serving partners



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Partnership Engagement

- **Event: SWFLEJP Manufacturing and Logistics Summit**
 - July 21, 2023, 7:30-12:30pm at Collaboratory
 - Economic Development Partner Break out session
- **Encourage employers within the sectors to connect their workers with Navigators**
- **Identify employer partners within sectors to engage with Pipeline team**
- **Share skills gap findings**
- **Upcoming events to promote the Pipeline**
- **Visit our webpage and sign up for monthly updates**



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Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

May 10, 2023

3:30 p.m.

**Business and Economic Development
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June 8, 2023

3:00 p.m.

