



Education and Workforce Committee

Panelist Biographies

Sue Sikora, Guernsey County Ohio Means Jobs



Sue Thomas Sikora has almost 23 years' experience in the public welfare and workforce systems. She is currently serving as the Assistant Director of the Guernsey County Dept. of Job and Family Services and the OhioMeansJobs Guernsey County office where she is responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of all client services programs. Sue is especially passionate about workforce development, coordinating with local and regional economic development systems to assure that state and federal labor programs support individuals and employers in today's competitive economy. Sue is a proud graduate of Ohio University, Athens Ohio, receiving both her BA in English and MS in Human and Consumer Sciences.

Bob Alsept, Superintendent, Buckeye Career Center



Bob Alsept is completing his eighth year as the superintendent of Buckeye Career Center. Prior to BCC, Bob served as superintendent at New Philadelphia City Schools for five years. He served various positions at New Philadelphia City Schools for a total of nineteen years. Bob had previous stints at the University of Akron, North Greenville University (SC), and West Liberty University (WV) as an Assistant Basketball Coach and Sports Information Director.

Bob is also a Board Member of Leadership Tuscarawas, Board Member of the Business Advisory Council for the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center, member of the Buckeye Association School Administrators Legislative and Career Tech committees and a member of the Community Improvement Corporation. Bob is also active in Kiwanis. Bob recently served as Campaign Chair of the United Way of Tuscarawas County.

Bob earned his Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from West Liberty University. He earned his Masters of Educational Leadership at the University of Akron. He also earned additional credits for licensure at the University of Akron.

Bob is a resident of New Philadelphia. He and his wife Lisa are the parents of Aleia and Alexa.

Kerri Rosser, Career Navigator, East Central Ohio Educational Service Center



Keri Rosser has been working in education for nearly a decade. Keri specializes in career-based education options and is responsible for educating school districts, community members, and students about these options and assists in implementation and completion. Working with school districts to help prepare the future workforce is something that Keri is very passionate about and aspires to grow the program. Keri earned a BA in Business from Muskingum University and an MBA from Chadron State College. She is also a certified Career Development Specialist through the A.S.C.A. Keri lives in Cambridge with her husband, Chase, and their two daughters, Annabelle and Aliza.



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Connie Shriver, Adult Education Administrator



Connie Shriver joined the Mid-East Career and Technology Centers - Adult Education Department in July 2019. In this role as Adult Education Administrator, she oversees technical programs in Health Occupations, Skilled Trades, Public Safety, and the Center for Training Excellence, providing customized training for local business and industry.

Shriver, a district employee for over ten years, began her career at Mid-East in the high school equivalency classroom, helping adults to finish high school. Shriver holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Marietta College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State College. She lives in McConnelsville, Ohio with her retired husband and three cats.

Kim Swinehart, PHR, SHRM-CP, Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Co-Op



Kim Swinehart is the Administrative Services Manager at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. in New Concord, Ohio and has been employed there since 1995. She is responsible for the fringe benefits, safety & compliance, job training/safety, wage & salary planning, organization planning, recruitment, personnel administration, and corporate policy administration.

She has two associates of applied business degrees from Zane State College most recently in the study of human resource management. Kim is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM). She is a past president of the Muskingum Valley Human Resource Management Association (MVHRMA) and currently serves as the certification chair. She is a member of the Ohio Electric Cooperatives Human Resources Association and served as a past association president. She achieved the Professional in Human Resource Management (PHR) certification in 2010 and achieved the SHRM Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) in 2015.

Kim grew up in Licking County, Ohio. She is a graduate of West Muskingum High School in Zanesville, Ohio. She and her husband are the parents of two grown sons.

Deb Yoder, Executive Director of Human Resources, ProVia



Deb Yoder has worked at ProVia for more than 22 years, and was recently promoted to the position of Executive Director of Human Resources. In this position she manages the full scope of Human Resource functions and is a contributing member of the Corporate Leadership Team (CLT), the top leadership team guiding strategy and implementation for this fast-growing company. She also leads the organization's focus on enhancing employee experience.

Deb has overseen a fast track of growth throughout her tenure at ProVia. When she joined the company in 1999 she served in Accounts Payable before transitioning to Human Resources. At the time she was responsible for an employee population of approximately 325 people, which today stands at 1,660. Remarkably, Deb served as the only HR staff person for all Ohio facilities until 2014. Since that time she has been expanding the Human Resources team, which currently includes nine professionals serving ProVia's Ohio facilities, and one in Booneville, Miss.

Deb is married to Lavern Yoder and they have three adult sons, Brad, Chad, and Tony, plus five grandchildren. They attend NewPointe Community Church in Dover, Ohio. Deb loves to read, travel to see new places, and watch college basketball.