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Attachments: Invitee List WorkReady Communities.xlsx

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Colleton Work Ready Steering Committee (invitee list attached and steering committee members highlighted in yellow, champion in green)

Led by Adult Education Director-Lynn Jones (second county who had Adult Ed director as champion—way to go) Governor going to mention the fact that it's unfortunate Lynn couldn't be here to celebrate after all her hard work but enjoying her trip to Ireland (and well deserved)

Lynn even had her Adult Ed staff take the WorkKeys assessments so they would be knowledgeable about how to talk to individuals about it

Adult Ed even paid for individuals to take the Talent assessment to meet the SC soft skills criteria before the state contract was signed and those tests were free

Team effort and all partners on board: supportive of former Superintendent and HS Principal embracing. Technical College of the Lowcountry came in and tested the high school students, support from local workforce administrator/board

Talked to businesses about the importance of initiative to showcase their workforce and there are 51 supporting the initiative (goal 38)

Goals/Actual

Emerging (HS): 97/98

Unemployed/Adult Ed: 283/346

Currently Employed: 15/30

Business: 38/51

NCRC Plus (Talent, soft skills): 99/149-WOW this is what most counties are struggling to meet

3-year average grad rate: 73.1/75.5 (County did not meet graduation rate but when new #'s came out, they had a 3.3% increase in their 3 year average with a 2013 graduation rate of 74.4)

Additional invitees: Leadership Team Director's, SWIB, Local WIB

You all will cover the press and local delegation, right??????

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