

NCSL Opportunities for Working Families Meeting State Action Plans

**Minnesota**

*Years of Participation: 2011, 2012, 2015*

**Previous Attendees:**

*State Legislators*

*Legislative Staff*

Representative Debra Kiel (2015)

Senator Benjamin Kruse (2012)

None

Representative Carol McFarlane  
(2011)

Representative Jim Nash (2015)

**2011 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Representative Carol McFarlane

Facilitator: Angela Andrews

**Priority Issues**

Connecting K-12 education, higher education and workforce development.

**Action Items & Next Steps**

Connect all 3 issues to create a culture of lifelong learning, utilize education to become a productive citizen and gain the skills to compete.

- Start the discussion – Working during the interim to collaborate with stakeholders on legislative committees (K-12, higher education and labor) to have a joint hearing in 2012 session on topic.

**Responsibilities**

Rep. McFarlane will work with various stakeholders (executive branch, committee chairmen, legislators and workforce) to help start the discussion and collaborate on raising awareness and create ideas moving forward.

**Information and Services**

- Info from NCSL on how K-12, higher education and workforce development are connected - practices and policies from other states.
- Provide expert testimony and technical assistance at joint committee meeting in 2012 – also to connect with other experts (outside of NCSL) and with legislators on the committees.

**NCSL Contacts**

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**2012 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Senator Benjamin Kruse

*Action Plan not provided*

*\*\*Legislators who participate without colleagues create an individual action plan during the meeting and are not requested to provide it to NCSL. This also applies to legislative staff participating without legislators.*

**2015 ACTION PLAN**

**Team Members**

Representative Debra Kiel

Representative Jim Nash

Facilitator: Laura Rose

Recorder: Jessica Hathaway

**Priority Issues**

1. Job training and apprenticeships
2. Light manufacturing and technology business incubators
3. Transportation

**Specific Action Item(s) and Timeline**

- Priority Issue 1: Job training and apprenticeships
  - Revamp Representative Kiel's bill (750/751—enabling tax credits for job creation)a
  - Incorporating Results First model
    - Benchmarks in bills
  - Plan to be introduced in March 2016
- Priority Issue 2:
  - Research other light manufacturing incubators
    - What exists? Where? Funding streams? Who owns/runs these?
    - Technology, job creation, and training
- Priority Issue 3: Transportation
  - Transportation gap analysis
  - Accessing transportation data
  - Talk to districts/mayors
  - Pull transportation data and analyze
  - Transportation committee
  - Request hearing

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- Making contact with Chair Kelly and Joe Marble

### Next Steps

- Gathering research on transportation and business incubation
- Revamping Representative Kiel's bill

### Responsibilities

- Representative Kiel
  - Revamp of previous bill
  - Making contact with Senator Tomassoni
- Representative Nash
  - Looking at priority issue 2 (incubation of light manufacturing and technology businesses)
  - Contact with Senator Dziejczak
- Both Rep Kiel and Rep Nash
  - Transportation research and information gathering
  - Reaching out to other districts
  - Researching own district
  - Gathering information on what similar states and cities do in regard to transportation
    - MPO/MSA data

### Information and Services

- Research on incubation programs that actually work
- Transportation data
  - Milwaukee, Des Moines, Omaha, Lincoln, Indianapolis, etc.

### NCSL Contacts

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**State Contacts:** Representative Nash and Representative Kiel regarding forum follow up