



Thursday and Friday, September 27-28, 2018

Thursday, September 27

Association of Minnesota Counties Boardroom

Address: 125 Charles Ave., St. Paul



Homework: Please ask a private business owner in your county (*outside of your family*) about their concerns related to hiring and retaining staff. We will share these stories regarding local and regional workforce concerns.

1:00-1:45pm

Welcome & Sharing Homework

Todd Patzer and Deb Gruber, FUTURES Co-Chairs

2:00pm

Minnesota Employers' Fair Chance Hiring Guide and More!

Jacquelyn Carpenter, Twin Cities Rise

Twin Cities Rise! assists individuals in poverty on the path to long-term and stable employment. Their work skills training prepares participants with the skills they'll need on the job. And through internship opportunities, job search assistance, and employment placement services, we work with participants to find meaningful employment. Coaches provide one-on-one support, partnering with participants for a year after they've landed their jobs. *Twin Cities Rise!* focuses on long term results – with 81% of graduates staying at jobs after one year, the 12-month job retention rates are nearly twice the national average.

Their curriculum goes beyond teaching – through the signature "Personal Empowerment" program, we provide transformative change that fosters self-confidence and self-reliance.

3:15pm

Break

3:30pm

Work Session & County Hiring Connections

4:00pm

Membership Conversation

Julie Ring, AMC Executive Director

4:45-5:30pm

Dinner

5:30-6:45pm

Better Angels: Bridging the Partisan Divide

Bill Doherty, Professor, UM College of Education and Human Development

Laura Russ, Better Angels Regional Coordinator

Bill and Laura will share their work connected with the "Better Angels" initiative. "Better Angels" is a national citizens' movement to reduce political polarization in the U.S. by bringing liberals and conservatives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes, forming red/blue community alliances, teaching practical skills for communicating across political differences, and making a strong public argument for depolarization.





Friday, September 28

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8:15-8:45am

Welcome & Coffee

Todd Patzer and Deb Gruber, FUTURES Co-Chairs

8:45-9:45am

Snapshots of Workforce Data and Models that Work

Jessica Miller, DEED Workforce Strategy Consultant

Statewide workforce changes are rapidly shaping communities across Minnesota. We will hear about the data trends and stories of models that work – including strategies to become the “places of opportunity” for future employees and families for years to come.



10:00-11:00am

Kandiyohi CEO: Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities

Tyler Gehring, Director of Kandiyohi CEO High School Program



In this innovative high school program, students learn from local business owners about what it takes to become a successful entrepreneur. KCEO classes will visit fifty to sixty businesses and have up to forty guest speakers throughout each academic year. It is the goal of the CEO program to help students to view the Kandiyohi area as a “place of opportunity” and to provide them with the skills and confidence to help move it forward.

11:15-11:45am

Updates & Fall Overview

AMC Policy Analysts

Talk with the AMC Policy Analysts about the Fall Policy Conference and platform developments as we look toward fall District Meetings.



LODGING: The Best Western Capitol Ridge is offering AMC members a rate of \$109.00 which includes a complimentary hot breakfast. The [Best Western Capitol Ridge](#) is located less than a mile from AMC at 161 Saint Anthony Avenue, St Paul. [Click here for directions.](#)

To receive this rate, please call 651-227-8711, press option 1 to be connected to the front desk & ask for the "AMC group rate" arranged by Chad Kolness, Regional Director of Sales.

Upcoming Event: AMC will host the first Local Government Workplace Symposium at the MinnWest Technology campus on **October 18 & 19.**

This Futures-style Symposium will focus on strategies to lead, engage, attract and retain local government staff with tours, presentations by local innovators, a child care panel, and an Employee Engagement workshop from NACo.

Please join us! To register and for more info:

http://www.mncounties.org/meetings_and_education/workforce_symposium.php

Local Government Workplace Symposium

Thursday, October 18 – Friday, October 19, 2018
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