

Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force

Meeting Notes

January 28, 2014

I. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pete Smeltz. It is his goal in 2014 to have presentations at the monthly meetings.

II. Subcommittee Reports:

- a. **Workforce Development/Education Committee** – A written report was distributed.

Workforce Update

PA CareerLink-Clinton County

UC/Employment Data: November 2013

Monthly Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment data in Clinton County, PA for November, 2013.

Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Prelim Report
20,500	18,800	1,700	8.4	Yes Time

Comparison to last November 2012

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Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)	Report
20,200	18,500	1,800	8.7	Time

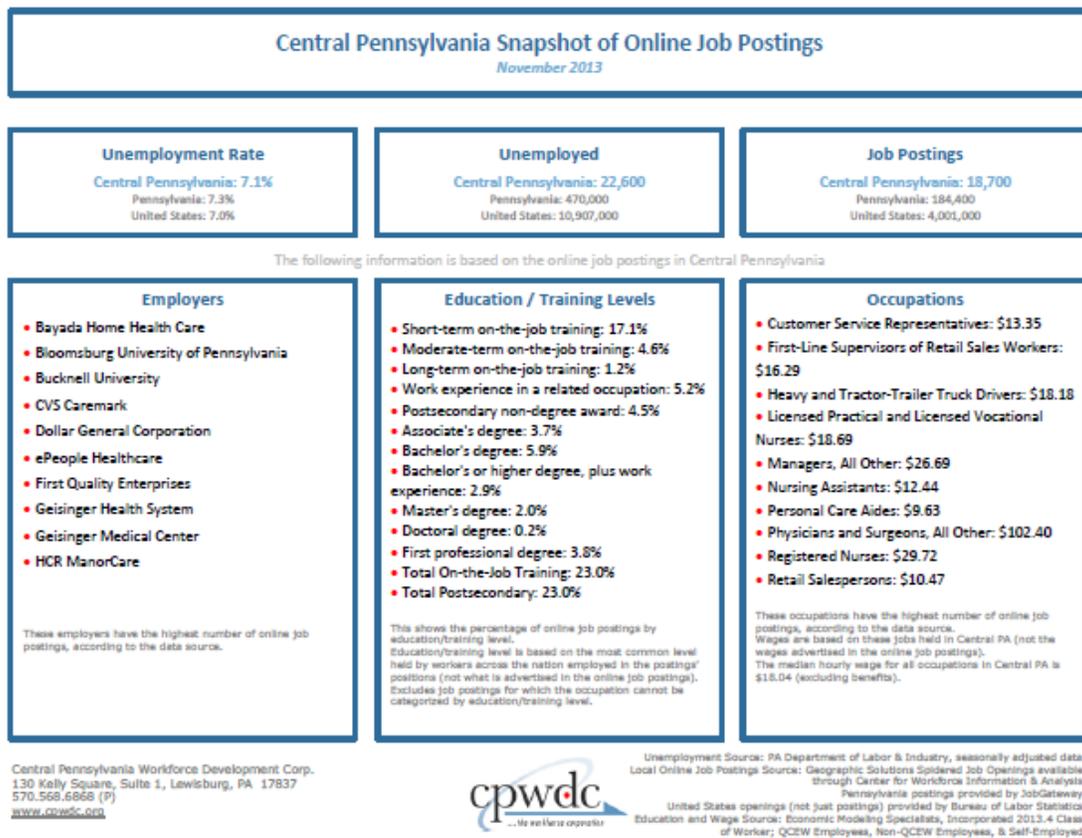
Source: Center for Workforce Information & Analysis

PA CareerLink-Clinton County: New Hires

November, December & January 2014 New Hires = 91
 Natural Gas Hires = 3

*NG Job Postings: The PA Careerlink-Clinton County currently has 7 Natural Gas (NG) Job Postings for Clinton County. All job postings can be viewed by logging into the Job Gateway website at www.jobgateway.pa.gov

Business Service Team: The PA Careerlink-Clinton County is currently in the planning stages for our spring 2014 Career Fair. We are currently seeking a local partner to provide the venue to hold this event and a financial sponsor. If your business is interested in supporting this spring Career Fair event please contact Dorie Murty at 570-893-4022 extension #113



- b. Public Safety Committee** – Kevin Fanning was in Harrisburg. Pete reported that Kevin has been very busy with the DES move. He thanked Mary Wolf from Anadarko for their \$10,000 donation to the DES building and announced that the donation purchased the furnishings in the conference room. The commissioners are planning an Open House.
- c. Economic Development Committee** –Mike Flanagan provided a written report. Trican Well Services reports 240 employees based out of its Lamar Township facility, as of mid-January 2014. This number represents about a 100 increase over this time last year. Trican presently has one fracking crew in the Northern

Tier, and two others at well sites in Lycoming County, including one for Anadarko and another for Seneca. Tanner Tyliczszak, Trican district manager, reports that 2014 is expected to be a very good year for the company, well above the 2013 levels of activity. He said the winter weather has had some impact on this year's activities, but 2014 looked strong even before the cold snap and the increase in natural gas prices. Trican opened local operations in 2010.

Baker Hughes, located in the Lamar Township Business Park, had 180 employees as of mid-January. District manager Phil Urlacher said the company plans to hire about 20 more between now and June. A few openings are presently listed on the website (www.bakerhughes.com). A focus is on hiring CDL drivers, and the company also seeks potential employees who have a military background. Both BH fracking crews are presently in the Tunkhannock area, Wyoming County. The cementing crews are busy from the Northern Tier to Westmoreland County. Baker Hughes began local operations in late 2012.

Ultra Pipeline, in conjunction with the National Wild Turkey Federation, plans a "fueling for conservation" fundraiser on March 22. The event will be held at the Ultra facility in Beech Creek Township (former Haven Homes). More information is available by calling Ray Smith at 570-220-1535 or e-mailing rsmith@nwtf.net

d. Public Education Committee – No report

e. Environmental Committee – Mary Ann Bower provided a written report.

The Environmental sub-committee met on December 10, 2014. Dr. Khalequzzaman gave a short presentation on his research "Water Quality Parameters in the Middle Section of the West Branch of Susquehanna River". This research was done with both Lock Haven University students and the Centre County Senior Environmental Corps members. They studied a 60 mile stretch of the Susquehanna River from Keating to Williamsport, including mixing from major tributaries such as Pine Creek and Bald Eagle Creek. The 2000 samples included high water times following major storm events in June 2013. Sampling was done from canoes and analyzed metals, dissolved oxygen, pH, nutrients and sediment. Dr. K would be glad to discuss his findings if anyone has further questions or would like more information. Discussion Items: Gerry introduced the newest member, Randi Matthew who is an EHS Environmental Technician with Range Resources. The group shared items of interest with the members. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2014, at 5:00 PM at the Lock Haven University New Science Center, 301 West Church Street. Our Speakers will be Tim Holladay and Jim Watson, Clinton County GIS office, on "Potential Build Out of Gas Well Pads in Clinton County."

f. Transportation – Damon Wagner reported that the transportation bill was passed and PennDot is waiting for direction.

III. Agency Reports:

- a. **DEP** – Dan Vilello reported that there was an oil and gas regulation hearing a couple weeks ago in Lycoming County. Twenty seven people attended. There will be a hearing in Bradford County on February 10th and there will be one in Warren County as well. The Gas vehicle seminar held last month was not well attended. DEP continues to promote natural gas vehicles and natural gas use.
- b. **DCNR** – Doug D’Amore provided a written report. A truck load of frac water overturned at the sharp curve of Beech Creek Road and Route 144 on 12-5. The truck lost its load resulting in a site cleanup. Final site restoration will occur in the spring. Work started this week on clearing the Dry Run Snowmobile Trail. Work is progressing at Whiskey Springs. Approximately 16 percent of alkaline material has been hauled in. No coal has been removed and the refuse waste has been dug up. Northern portions of the site are at final grade.

IV. Industry Reports:

- a. Mary Wolf, Andarko, introduced Janah Fertshans and Evan Welborn who work in the mineral land department. She reported that Anadarko has a rig in operation in Lycoming County. There is no drilling scheduled for Clinton County. There are a couple of pipeline jobs on the drawing board.
- b. Irv Gleason, Range Resources, reported that there is a completion crew at Queens Run Road. They are bringing a drilling rig to the Mohawk Camp area in May.
- c. Jeff Snyder stated that we need to work together to get gas into homes. An action plan needs developed. Dan Harger agreed and stated it is not just for residential. It is also important to offer reasonable affordable fuel to attract businesses.

V. Old Business/New Business/Open Discussion:

- a. Pete asked members to email goals for 2014 to the commissioners or Amy.
- b. The planning department finished the comprehensive plan revision and it is available for comment.
- c. There was brief discussion on the Act 13 court decision that is still in the court system.

- d. Pete stated that the task force might need a gas line extension committee. Roy Darrin recommended inviting UGI to the task force meetings. Mary Wolf recommended the Economic Partnership survey businesses to see who has gas and would be interested in it.

VI. Presentation – Dr. Mohamed Khalequzzaman from LHUP provided a presentation on a Susquehanna River water quality project he completed. The project was completed June 14th through 17th after a major storm. They studied a 60 mile stretch of the Susquehanna River from Keating to Williamsport, including mixing from major tributaries such as Pine Creek and Bald Eagle Creek. He discussed his methods and the results of the survey. The most abundant metal detected was iron.

The next Gas Task Force meeting will be March 25, 2014. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will provide a presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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