

Memo

To: Economic Development Authority
From: Brad Meier, President/CEO
Date: 1/20/2021
Re: OACCT Economic Development Update

Economic Development

- **See report for leads and 'in progress' reports.**

Workforce (From Anisha Zak, Workforce Coordinator)

- We won that award. Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards-2nd Place Promising Practices
- 6 high school interns were hired for the Federated Internship Program.. they start next week! 5 from OHS and 1 from Medford. All recruited by Anisha and Tate Cummins.
- Setting a student up today after school for a work experience at Kids Korner, where WDI will pay her wages, gas cards, work clothing, etc.
- Made in Owatonna coming up in February, will recruit students from all 5 high school for careers focusing on Human Services

Covid 19/Coronavirus

- Advocating to State of MN PPP tax conformity
- Working with businesses to promote Steele County grant program (recorded webinar with Golberg and Dahl)
- Updates to all resources on line for business

Other:

- Coordinating with OPED, OBP and MainStreet on streetscape efforts

<u>Company</u>	<u>Date of Inquiry</u>	<u>Service Provided</u>	<u>Follow ups</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>	<u>Project Outcome: Green (progressing), yellow (probable); red (not moving)</u>
Retailer-Albert lea	6/29/2020	Interested in additional location for her business and Owatonna is on her radar. Currently has locations in Austin and Albert Lea.	Talked about the PartyPlus space and will consider others. Only needs 800-1000 sq ft unless she has additional treatment rooms. Wants to be in a downtown location.		
Daycare Center	9/30/2020	Interested in developing a daycare center for the community.	Looking at land options and wanted to know what locations would work best. Discussed some ideas and shared a map created by the city with open land options.	Met with Greg Krushcke about various location options. Idea about the former montessori school building on the south end of town. Called owner and made the connection. 11/30/20 They are working on buying that building.	