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State must match jobs, training, Kasich says

By Catherine Candisky

Gov. John Kasich wants Ohio workers trained for jobs that businesses are looking to fill.

With dozens of training programs and plenty of opportunities in health care, energy and other fields, it should be easy.

But it's not, Kasich says.

Not yet, anyway.

"We have job openings, but yet we don't have people to fill them," the Republican governor told business leaders and lawmakers who convened yesterday for the first meeting of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board.

Kasich appointed the 25-member panel to coordinate with Ohio businesses to identify future work-force needs and streamline the 90-plus government-funded work-training programs spread across 12 state agencies. He wants the state's colleges and universities to craft their programs, too.

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Ohio gov aims to untangle job training programs

By Ann Sanner

Gov. John Kasich said Monday that improving the state's job training system will depend in part on winning support from businesses and convincing them participating in the job programs is worth it.

Kasich's remarks came after the first meeting of a state board that's studying Ohio's workforce development system. The 25-member panel is looking at ways to measure the effectiveness of programs and better tailor state and federal training money to the skill needs of companies.

Ohio has roughly 90 existing workforce programs spread under at least 13 state agencies, according to the Kasich administration. Some training programs help veterans, while others are aimed at preparing prisoners for work after they've served their sentences.

Kasich wants to streamline the workforce system so companies can more easily navigate the programs.

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Kasich calls for greater participation from employers in solving skills gap

By Jeff Bell

Gov. John Kasich hopes his new Executive Workforce Board can help solve the long-running disconnect between businesses in need of skilled workers and Ohioans looking for good-paying jobs.

Calling it an “extremely vexing problem” for the state, Kasich summed up the issue for members of the 25-person board at its first meeting Monday in Columbus.

“We have job openings,” he said, “yet we don’t have the skilled people to fill them. ... We need to upgrade people’s skills in a very-changing, dynamic workplace.”

The board, headed by inVentiv Health Vice Chairman Blane Walter of Columbus, will work with the governor’s office to rationalize Ohio’s work-force system and recommend ways to streamline the 90 existing programs scattered across 13 state agencies.

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Kasich sets sights on developing work-force training programs

By Marc Kovac

Gov. John Kasich convened a new panel Monday to develop recommendations for fine-tuning the state's work-force training programs.

The Governor's Executive Workforce Board includes lawmakers, local government officials, educators and private business executives, who will work on what Kasich described as "an extremely vexing problem. ... We have job openings, and yet we don't have the skilled people to fill them."

Kasich has been talking about the issue since before he took office and has pushed to streamline current job-training programs. There are about 90 housed in different state offices, many of them unknown to the business community.

"People who are unemployed today are not people who don't have good skills," Kasich said. "They don't know where to go, and employers don't even know they're there."

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New Board Focuses On Ways To Better Connect Ohio Employers and Job Seekers

Ohio business and political leaders joined together Monday to examine the state's workforce development system, which critics say is complex and too difficult for businesses to navigate.

At its inaugural meeting, the Governor's Executive Workforce Board discussed its goals for overhauling the state's workforce development system to better pair employers' needs with high skilled job seekers.

The 25-member board includes state lawmakers and business leaders from across the Ohio and is tasked with three main goals of "forecasting" the skills potential employers will be looking for in new hires, streamlining how the state delivers workforce programs and determining how the state will measure the performance of this new system.

Subcommittees, made-up of board members, will be created to identify ways to move towards achieving these goals in the coming months, board chair R. Blane Walter said.

Mr. Walter, who oversaw the inaugural meeting with the governor, said the he and other members are trying to make the workforce system more efficient so the state can improve its economy and competitiveness.

"Really what we're trying to create is an effective marketplace, an effective system, for our state," he said.

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Governor Charges New Workforce Board: Fix It

Gov. John Kasich convened his new executive panel on workforce development Monday with a pointed challenge: Get something done.

The governor said previous efforts to streamline state employment resources and link them to industry demands had proved woefully inadequate, asking business leaders to take ownership of the problem. He introduced a roomful of executives including CEO Thomas Zenty III of University Hospitals, board Co-Chair Albert Ratner of Forest City Enterprises, President and CEO David Joyce of General Electric Aviation, President Julie Janson of Duke Energy-Ohio/Kentucky, Vice President David Whitehead of FirstEnergy, Chief Operating Officer Gary Weinstein of Providence Equity Partners, CEO Ralf Bronnenmeir of Grob Systems, Plant Manager John Kornor of General Mills, Public Affairs Director Amanda Hoyt of Finance Fund, President Richard Stoff of Ohio Business Roundtable (OBR), President and CEO Phillip Parker of Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Vice Chairman Blane Walter of inVentiv Health -- the governor's handpicked chair of the Executive Workforce Board.

"It's time for people of this generation to impact the happenings of government -- to get things done," Kasich said of his choice for chairman. He defined Walter's challenge in human terms.

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