

Memo

To: Economic Development Authority
From: Brad Meier, President/CEO
Date: 3/13/2024
Re: OACCT Economic Development Update

Economic Development

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

Workforce

- 68 high school students from OHS, Owatonna ALC, Medford, and Blooming Prairie participated in the health care day. Students were on site at Mayo Clinic and Allina. They did small group rotations at Riverland Owatonna in the afternoon.
- Chamber received a grant from Greater Twin Cities United Way/MN Chamber of Commerce to offer 10 additional work experiences this summer.
- Planning taking place for the 2024 'Signing Day'
- Owatonna Opportunity: working with Superintendent Elstad to talk with business leaders about supporting this scholarship program.

Other

- OPED: Livability new articles (5) have been published at Livability.com
- OPED: Senior Affordable Housing Tax credits meeting
- OPED: Met with Faribault Park & Rec Director about their Community Center efforts
- Website updating for VisitOwatonna, Chamber, and Owatonna Partners for Economic Development-collecting proposals
- Working with Deanna (city) and Lori (school) to hire a contract employee to assist Engage Owatonna and 'beef up' the activity on the platform.