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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board Names New County Consortium Leaders for 2018 Program Year

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board began its new program year on July 1, 2018, and started the year with a new trio of county leaders in top roles for its County Consortium. The terms are for one year and run until June 30, 2019.

Serving as Consortium Chair is **Mark Harris**, County Executive of Winnebago County. Harris has been Winnebago County Executive since 2005 and lives in Oshkosh.

Taking on the role of Consortium Vice-Chair is **Alice Connors**, County Board Chair of Calumet County. Alice has been County Board Chair since 2014 and lives in Chilton. In July, she celebrated a 37-year-anniversary as a member of the Calumet County Board of Supervisors.

The Consortium Secretary is **Allen Buechel**, County Executive of Fond du Lac County. Buechel has served as Fond du Lac County Executive since 1993 after serving on the Fond du Lac County Board for 17 years and resides in Fond du Lac.

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, based in Neenah, represents the six counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago. The

counties are required to come together in what's known as a "County Consortium" and are typically represented by a County Executive, County Board Chair or County Board Vice-Chair. Together, this County Consortium exercises a critical role in the governance process for the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, including approving the Board's budget, providing strategic insight to workforce planning and has a fiscal responsibility for the Board.

The County Consortium is separate from the [Fox Valley Workforce Development Board](#), which is made up of 29 leaders from the public and private sectors. Together, these two bodies come together to solve the critical workforce issues in our region, known as Workforce Development Area 4. The FVWDB is one of 11 workforce boards in Wisconsin.

Besides Chair Harris, Vice Chair Connors and Secretary Buechel, also representing counties on the Consortium are **Harley Reabe**, Green Lake County Board Chairman, **Joe McClone**, Waupaca County Board Vice Chair and **Donna Kalata**, Waushara County Board Chair.

The FVWDB provides local delivery of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs and leads a number of workforce development and job training initiatives in its six county area. The best way to find out about services that are right for you is to visit one of the six (6) Job Centers in Berlin, Fond du Lac, Menasha, Oshkosh, Waupaca or Wautoma, or check out the web site at www.foxvalleyjobcenters.com.

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Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) is a not-for-profit working to build a world-class workforce in northeast Wisconsin. Serving six counties — Calumet, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago — FVWDB collaborates with a number of state and local agencies to help job seekers gain the skills needed to find employment, and to help businesses find the highly skilled workers they need.

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