



**Community Needs, Programs and Outcomes Committee  
Annual Report  
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The Community Needs, Programs and Outcomes Committee became a standing committee of the Gateway Board of Directors in late 2014. It was initially formed to share the opportunities available at Gateway with the community at large with the objective of aligning community needs with the educational offerings of Gateway.

We began by looking at enrollment information for Gateway by program/discipline and then comparing that to the stated opportunities for employment in the region for each. Early on, a special emphasis was placed on manufacturing because of the NKIP study outlining the employers needs for workers over the next 5-10 years. By identifying Gateway FTEs enrolled in any manufacturing related programs would allow us to identify shortcomings. Plans to increase enrollment in these programs could then be initiated to meet the demand.

We then went on to identify with Dr. Hughes a series of metrics we felt were important to insure Gateway was working toward meeting the community needs for further education and to demonstrate to the community that these objectives were being met.

During the past year, we have also worked with Gateway on the Strategic Plan to insure the goals for the school were consistent with the needs of the community as well as the objectives of KCTCS.

This committee should be continued as a link between the needs of the community, the employers in the area, and the school to increase the efforts of Gateway to meet the educational needs of the area with full support from each group.

Respectfully submitted,

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