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## WORKFORCE MATTERS

Johnston County Update—July 2017

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## From the Executive Director

Much of what we do this year will focus on youth and young adults as the emerging workforce, such as developing better processes for connecting them to apprenticeships. This endeavor requires instruction for workforce and education stakeholders, as well as businesses, parents and young people. We all need the ability to present information that is accurate, consistent, and *clear*.

Whether through new industry partnerships or the establishment of new career pathways, collaboration with businesses is how the most progressive workforce boards accomplish the work. Thank you for your continued support.

*Pat Sturdivant, Executive Director*

**It's the beginning of new fiscal year for Capital Area Workforce Development Board.** Despite low unemployment, there are still thousands looking for work, not to mention the ongoing challenge for businesses to find the right people.

## Labor Market Snapshot

**3.9%** Unemployment as of May 2017

The last time unemployment was this low **July 2000**

**.01** Increase in unemployment over the previous month

**3,635** were unemployed

Individuals served by **6,047** NCWorks Career Center—Clayton last fiscal year

**1,466** Job orders from businesses last fiscal year

## JOHNSTON is Work Ready!

**Current and potential employers considering Johnston County need to know about the quality of the workforce. Certification answers many questions and tells employers that JoCo is serious about meeting their needs.**



Johnston County has been certified as work-ready by the NC Chamber of Commerce. The certification recognizes a workforce that is a cut above when it comes to *demonstrated real-world job skills*. These skills are captured by the **NC Career Readiness Certification (CRC)**.

To become certified, a pre-determined number of businesses supporters and CRC attainment had to be met. Over 6,500 individuals have earned CRCs administered by Johnston Community College, and **80 businesses**

*affirmed the value of the credential* and contributed to achieving the designation.

## Hurricane Matthew Jobs Grant

**Johnston County Emergency Services and Town of Benson provided temporary employment to residents whose jobs were affected by the storm.** Grant funds were used to pay wages

for positions that assisted in local recovery efforts, including clean up, repair of public and non-profit facilities, and humanitarian assistance. Both agencies offered residents a chance to get back to work while also helping their communities.

## JoCo Business Leader Joins Executive Team

**Election of a new board chair and vice chair occurred at the June board meeting.**

*Stephen Miller, HR Business Partner at Novo Nordisk*, was unanimously voted in as vice chair by the Capital Area Workforce Development Board, as was new board chair Valerie Sachariat of Charter Communications. Anthony Caison, VP of Workforce Continuing Education at Wake Tech will retain his role as Secretary.

Novo Nordisk's expansion in Johnston County is an exciting development. The new executive team brings a solid mix of skills and experience necessary to support such expansions and CAWD's mission to help all employers build the best workforce possible from the region's quality talent pool.

