A Message from the Executive Director

One of the most alarming problems facing many communities today is the problem with the use and abuse of illegal drugs and prescription painkillers. There is a serious drug problem in the Philipsburg region. A couple of years ago, we started to hear from area employers that they were having difficulty finding good workers because many young workers were not able to pass drug tests. Public service announcements urging heroin users or addicts to get help have been common on the radio for over four years.

There have been many deaths in our area from drug overdoses. Earlier this year, heroin was passed from an employee of a business located at the Enterprise Center to someone else working in the building. The State Police were contacted but no arrest was made.

We need to figure out a way to combat the drug problem in this area. With that in mind, I approached the MVEDP’s board of directors at our meeting of August 16th and asked that we somehow get involved in an effort to raise awareness and combat the drug problem in the area.

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JOBS1stPA: Employer Driven Training for Growth in the Central PA Region

A new state job training initiative aims to help employers improve their workforce. The new JOBS1stPA program will bring together employers, workforce development organizations and economic development offices such as the MVEDP to provide training funds to businesses that need to upgrade the skill levels of their employees.

The MVEDP is now working with the Central PA Workforce Investment Board, SEDA-Council of

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MVEDP Re-Certified by PA DCED

By letter dated September 3, 2014, the MVEDP was informed by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that it has been re-certified for fiscal year 2014-15. Approximately seven years ago, DCED began a certification process to ensure that economic development organizations had the expertise, skills, and experience to administer certain state financing programs such as
Governments and other economic development groups to further this job training initiative. First up is finalizing a survey instrument that will be used to identify those businesses who might need training for their workers. Once the survey document is finalized, the MVEDP will be involved in surveying area businesses to identify any training needs. If a company has a need for training, work will then be done to organize the training that is applicable to the company’s needs.

Over the next few months, MVEDP staff will be involved in surveying area businesses to determine if there is a need for training programs. An improved workforce and hopefully the creation of new job opportunities are the bottom-line goals of this effort.

Staff of the MVEDP is currently taking applications from homeowners interested in participating in the Philipsburg Borough Housing Rehab Phase V project. The Borough proposes to target the ELM Street area in the Borough and also the area contiguous to the Elm Street area in adjoining Rush Township.

The MVEDP’s housing rehabilitation program provides grant assistance to homeowners to bring their homes up to code. Improvements may include new furnaces, electrical, plumbing, roof, foundations and new windows and doors.

Homeowners must be income eligible to participate in the program. Eligibility guidelines and targeted area can be secured by contacting Sherrie Beals of the MVEDP at 342-2260 or applications can be downloaded from our website www.mvedp.org.
Each year, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania brings its international trade representatives back to the state to provide companies here with an opportunity to develop new international trade relationships. These international trade development officials live in countries located throughout the world. Pennsylvania’s international trade representatives will meet with local company officials to determine if there are new sales and development opportunities.

Central PA International Trade Conference
September 19, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Celebration Hall
State College, PA

“Bringing the World to You”
Friday, September 26, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Red Fern
Kersey, PA

Bill Jones of Charles A. Jones Insurance Agency presents a dividend check to Stan LaFuria, Executive Director of the MVEDP. All members of the MVEDP that have insurance coverage through Penn National Insurance, and that are also members of the Chamber Choice organization, are eligible to receive an annual dividend disbursement. For the last two years, Penn National/Chamber Choice, has paid out 11% dividends.

Penn National Insurance Dividend Paid to MVEDP

the PA Industrial Development Authority low interest loan program. The MVEDP has been certified by DCED every year since the certification program was first developed. In order to be certified with DCED, the organization must complete at least 20 credits of training each year with 6 of those credits in the area of finance. The MVEDP’s staff is constantly involved in training to ensure that it is up to date on financing programs and economic and community development programs.

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Small Business Development Center Training

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
The First Step of Starting a Business
200 Technology Center, Room 243
9:00 a.m.–noon, $20.00 - Sponsored by SF& Company

Thursday, September 18, 2014
Advanced QuickBooks, 200 Technology Center, Room 243, 8:00 a.m.–Noon, $79 per person, per class or $139 per person for two classes, or $215 for all three classes.

Friday, October 3, 2014
Tax and Bookkeeping Considerations for Small Business, 200 Technology Center, Room 243
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.–$69.00
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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For information on how you can volunteer, please contact Jan Ulmer at (570-326-4149 or jan.ulmer@cancer.org.)
The Moshannon Valley Economic Development Partnership thanks you for your support of our economic & community development efforts!

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The MVEDP helps the private sector to generate new employment opportunities by providing sites and building space to businesses. Anyone who brings a lead (business owner) to the MVEDP that buys a lot in our Business Park, or rents space in either of our two multi-tenant buildings will be paid a 5% finder’s fee. For example, if a new lease is signed and $30,000 in rent will be paid over a two-year period, the “finder” will be paid a lump sum fee of $1,500.00! The MVEDP considers everyone in the community to be its partner in working to enhance the economy of this region. Bring us a new business tenant or business owner that purchases land in our Regional Business Park and **GET PAID!**
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