



**Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018**

Attendees

EKCEP BOD's Members

Tim Bingham
Polly Arnold
Curtis Davis
Craig Hamilton
Shane Gabbard
Phyllis Lawson
Brad LeMaster
Dan Mosley
Connie Barnes
James McDowell
Rick King
John E Pennington
Walter Nixon
Jim Ward

EKCEP Staff

Trish Adams
Bridget Back
Tonya Collins
Vanessa Collier
Owen Grise
Ian Mooers
Sharon Poff
Jeff Whitehead
Travis Winkler

Guests

Mike Buckles
David Carroll
Charlene Engle
Darrell Shouse
Abby Little
Becky Miller
Mona Whitaker
Mike Howell

Minutes

The Eastern Kentucky Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on June 12, 2018 in the boardroom at the Kentucky Career Center--JobSight, Hazard, Kentucky.

John E. Pennington, Chairman of the EKCEP BOD's called the meeting to order. John E. Pennington asked for the roll call. Roll call resulted in 14 members being in attendance. John E. Pennington informed the board we did have a quorum.

John E. Pennington asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2018 EKCEP board meeting, which had previously been distributed to the members. Brad LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Connie Barnes. All voted in favor, none opposed.

The BOD's meeting continued according to the agenda. Each attendee received a "board packet" containing informational handouts prior to the call-to-order.

Kentucky HEALTH Contract

Jeff Whitehead, EKCEP Executive Director, began the meeting with a discussion pertaining to the Kentucky HEALTH Contract. Jeff Whitehead asked the attendees to review the handouts pertaining to the Kentucky HEALTH Contract. Handouts included: Kentucky HEALTH Talking Points; Overview of Local Area Services and Responsibilities under the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Contract; and the Ky HEALTH Meetings Schedule. Jeff Whitehead explain the SNAP E&T portion was already in effect for the non-promise zone areas. It will go into effect in late April 2019 in the promise zone areas.

The Medicaid portion of the Kentucky HEALTH program will go into effect at a later date.

Jeff Whitehead discussed some of the goals and objectivities of the contract and EKCEP's responsibilities.

Jeff Whitehead discussed an interview with a "CNN Money" reporter he had recently. The reporter stated she wanted to continue to follow our progress to see if there is a "pathway out of poverty" or are we doing all this without it going anywhere.

Jeff Whitehead asked the group if they had any thoughts or ideas. Mona Whitaker, WIOA Director for Daniel Boone, stated she felt there would be some barriers for participates. One of the largest barriers will include transportation.

Becky Miller, WIOA Director for KCEOC, said there are pathways out of poverty. She stated she had witnessed it first hand through Paths to Promise. Becky Miller said you must be a cheerleader for the participant and if they want to change they can.

Owen Grise, EKCEP Deputy Director, stated we will continue to help anyone who comes to us for help, but we can't force them to utilize our services. We only report to the Cabinet for

Health and Family Services what we are doing for the individual, we are not responsible for deciding if anybody is eligible to keep their Medicaid benefits.

Charlene Engle, CAP Director at Gateway, stated when she attended a Kentucky HEALTH meeting in Frankfort, Kentucky her understanding was, the person would self-report and the State would conduct random audits for accuracy. Charlene Engle asked the question, where does the responsibility for accuracy fall. Follow-up was never mentioned in the meeting she attended. Jeff Whitehead said, at this point he did not know who would be verifying the information.

Jeff Whitehead reviewed the Kentucky HEALTH meetings schedule. Jeff Whitehead stated if any attendees would like to attend one of these meeting they were welcomed.

Jeff Whitehead stated it would be appropriate for the EKCEP Board of Directors to endorse our participation with Kentucky HEALTH Contract. Craig Hamilton made the motion to approve the participation. The motion was seconded by Connie Barnes. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Program Year 2018 Budget and Spending Plan

Jeff Whitehead began the discussion pertaining to our PY 2018 budget. Jeff Whitehead stated we are working on the contracts. We will be adding some modifications to contract language, and some minor invoicing changes.

Jeff Whitehead directed everyone to review the handout included in the board packets pertaining to “available funding and spending plan”. Jeff Whitehead briefly touched on our funding streams and our spending plans.

Jeff Whitehead reminded the group if you have any coal miners or their spouses in your area who are working a low wage job or not working, let your WIOA directors know. There are funds available for training and services.

Jeff Whitehead informed the group of upcoming changes needed to the contractor’s personnel invoices. Invoices will need to reflect the type of participate being served and number of hours for that funding stream. Tonya Collins, EKCEP Assistant Director of Finance, will communicate directly with each Finance Director.

John E. Pennington asked the group for recommendations or suggestions on assisting with having a quorum for each meeting. Rick King, Chief Legal Officer at Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc., will work with the EKCEP staff to draft language to be presented to the board during the next regular meeting.

Announcements

- Jeff Whitehead discussed the dates of the upcoming Talent Pipeline Management meetings.
- Jeff Whitehead discussed the SOAR Summit coming in August to Pikeville.
- Jeff Whitehead discussed “Operation Bobcat Medical IRT” which will be a no-cost medical services in Breathitt, Estill, Lee and Owsley counties in the month of June.
- Jeff Whitehead invited all the attendees to the WIB meeting on June 14, 2018.
- John E. Pennington and Jeff Whitehead thanked the Board Members who participated in the DOL audit.

Call for adjournment

Craig Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Ward. The meeting was adjourned.