



**Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB)
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019**

Attendees:

EKWIB Members

Betsy Clemons
Frank Dawahare
Howard Blackburn
Janet Slayden
Paul Dole
Sonya Bergman
Tracey Smith
Trina Allen
Vic Adams – Proxy Jennifer Lindon
Mike Caudill
Paul Patton
Mike Lasslo
Brent Sturgill
Carlo Bishnoi – Proxy Rachel Fields

EKCEP Staff

Trish Adams
Jennifer Bergman
Sharon Poff
Jeff Whitehead
Vanessa Collier
Melissa Quillen
Tonya Collins
Travis Winkler
Owen Grise
Joyce Wilcox
Bridget Back
Cris Ritchie

Guests

Jacqueline Korengel
Tammy Castle
Amy Morgan Gabbard
Dylon Baker
Keila Miller
Andrea Begley

Minutes

The Eastern Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (EKWIB) held its quarterly meeting on March 14, 2019 in the boardroom at the Kentucky Career Center--JobSight, Hazard, Kentucky.

EKWIB's Vice-Chair, Howard Blackburn, called the meeting to order. Howard Blackburn asked for the roll call. Roll call resulted in 14 members being in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Howard Blackburn asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2018 EKWIB meeting, which had previously been distributed to the members. Mike Caudill made the motion to approve the minutes. Janet Slayden seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Recognition of Guest

Trish Adams, EKCEP's Industry Liaison introduced Dylon Baker and Amy Morgan Gabbard with ARH. She also introduced Keila Miller with HCTC and Andrea Begley with Congressman Hal Rogers office. Janet Slayden with Ky Skills U introduced Jacqueline Korengel and Tammy Castle.

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

Reports

Jeff Whitehead discussed EKCEP's Financial Report, Participant Report, and Employer Report.

Jeff Whitehead provided an update on several grants. The Community Impact Grant is \$1.7 million from the Department of Labor; Coal Grant request is \$2.2 million; and The Opioid Grant request is \$1.4 million from the Appalachian Regional Commission. In connection to the Opioid Grant, the Cabinet for Family and Children is also providing \$803,000 to provide job developers and success coaches within the Career Centers across the state of Kentucky.

Youth Committee Recommendation

Sonya Bergman with ARH provided an update on the Youth Committee. The committee agreed the target group would be the "out-of-school youth age 18-24 who are offenders". Howard Blackburn asked for a motion to approve the Youth Committee's suggestions. Paul Dole made the motion to approve. Trina Allen seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Kentucky Career Center JobSight Certification

Jennifer Bergman, EKCEP JobSight Service Director, informed the group the certification process for the KCC JobSight locations in Hazard and Pikeville have been finalized. Howard Blackburn asked for a motion to approve. Brent Sturgill made a motion to approve. Sonya Bergman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Skills U Presentation

Janet Slayden with Kentucky Skills U (formerly adult education) provided a presentation and handout (GED Plus) concerning college and career readiness. Sonya Bergman with Appalachian Regional Healthcare discussed a future program between Skills U and ARH to provide face to face GED training to some entry-level ARH employees without a high school diploma.

Membership Renewals

Trish Adams informed the group we will have several WIB board members whose term will expire in June 2019. Membership renewal forms were provided to all affected board members.

Policy and Planning Committee

Jeff Whitehead told the group the WIB Policy and Planning Committee would have a conference call on March 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Other

Jeff Whitehead spoke to the group about House Bill 3. House Bill 3 provides a listing of essential skills that should be added to school curriculums. Local WIB's are being asked to provide other indicators for essential skills we would like to recommend. A survey will be sent to all WIB members in the near future asking for feedback.

Jennifer Lindon informed the attendees that Hazard Community Technical College is currently conducting a welder's helper class in conjunction with the GED Plus program.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, Paul Dole made a motion to adjourn. Sonya Bergman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.