

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bartlett for Governor Steven Beshear, Donna Davis for Dr. Jay Box, Rick Christman, Representative Larry Clark, James Cole, Roxann Fry, Hugh Haydon, Shirie Hawkins, Secretary Larry Hayes, Dr. Dale Winkler for Dr. Holliday, Reecie Stagnolia for Dr. King, Commissioner Beth Kuhn, Heidi Margulis, Pat Murphy, Dr. Lara Needham, Kelly Nuckols, Scott Pierce, Secretary Larry Roberts, Kevin Shurn, , Daryl Smith, George Steele, Lindy Casebier for Secretary Bob Stewart, Richard Wilson and Secretary Tom Zawacki

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa A. Aguilar, Terri Bradshaw, Deputy Secretary Beth Brinly, Robert Curry, Pat Dudgeon, Jason Dunn, Allison Flanagan, Ben Haydon, Lora Hawkins, Ryan Henson, Buddy Hoskinson, Jacqueline Korengel, Joanna Nuebert, Audra Perkins, Connie Schnell, Jane Smith, Kelly Thomas and Vickie Wade

CALL TO ORDER

Hugh Haydon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting would be the last regular meeting of the KWIB.

Minutes of Mar. 2, 2015 KWIB Meeting

ACTION: A motion was made by Secretary Roberts to approve the Mar. 2, 2015 minutes. Heidi Margulis seconded. Motion carried.

CERTIFICATION ACTION ITEMS

Roxann Fry, Chair of the Work Ready Review Panel, reported that the Work Ready Communities Review Panel met on April 14th to review two applications for Work Ready Community in Progress status, one application to move from Work Ready in Progress to Work Ready and one extension request. The review panel recommends that the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board certifies Boyd, Carroll, Greenup, Knott and Lawrence Counties as Work Ready in Progress and Hopkins County be approved to move from Work Ready in Progress to Work Ready and that Montgomery County be granted a one-year extension to their Work Ready in Progress status based on the applications submitted. Hopkins County may promote themselves as a Work Ready Community and Boyd, Carroll, Greenup, Knott and Lawrence Counties may promote themselves as Work Ready Communities in Progress with all the privileges and responsibilities listed in the individual certifications.

ACTION: Based on the recommendation of the review panel, Roxann Fry motioned that Hopkins County be certified as a Work Ready Community, that Boyd, Carroll, Greenup, Knott and Lawrence Counties be certified as Work Ready Communities in Progress, and that Montgomery County be granted a one-year extension on their Work Ready in Progress status. Kelly Nuckols seconded. Motion carried.

Representatives from Counties were welcomed forward to receive their certificate, signage and be photographed. Montgomery County representatives did not attend.

STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS

Career Center Certification

Commissioner Beth Kuhn introduced and welcomed Jason Dunn who became the Director of OET as of May 1st, and then she presented the following Career Center Certifications/Recognitions:

- Lincoln Trail Workforce Investment Board
 - Elizabethtown – Comprehensive
 - Bardstown - Affiliate
- Barren River Workforce Investment Board

- Bowling Green – Comprehensive
- Glasgow – Comprehensive
- West Kentucky Workforce Investment Board
 - Paducah – Comprehensive

To meet WIOA requirements, every local area must have at least one certified center by July 1st. The good news is that Green River, Kentuckiana and Northern Kentucky are making great progress towards certification. Career center certification was a KWIB initiative long before it was a WIOA requirement.

Kentucky Apprenticeship Initiative

Secretary Roberts reported on the Apprenticeship Program. The Kentucky Labor Cabinet submitted a grant application on April 29th to the US DOL for five million dollars. The grant allows for employer incentives of \$1,000 for starting a new program and \$500 per apprentice who completes employment probationary period, is a member of an underserved population or completes the program. Special thanks go to Secretary Zawacki, Secretary Larry Hayes, Dr. Jay Box and their staff.

PRESENTATION

TechHire is a Whitehouse-sponsored program to bring local governments and employers together to sponsor online training, boot camps, college courses etc. in technology fields. There are half a million tech jobs open across the nation.

Kentuckiana and Eastern KY are among 21 communities across the nation participating in the program, and Eastern KY is one of only two of rural communities in the program.

Michael Gritton, Director of Greater Louisville, reported on Code Louisville which is an accelerated training program in coding. The Louisville public library bought a license from Treehouse which is a company in Portland Oregon that provides online curriculum for computer coding. Anyone with a library card can access the curriculum for free. In order to help individuals be more successful with their online training, Code Louisville marries online classes with weekly meet-ups of 12-14 people with mentors from tech companies in Louisville.

Jeff Whitehead, Director of EKCEP, presented on EKCEP's TechHire programs which are in the beginning stages. They partnered with entrepreneurs in Pikeville on a program to train coal miners in computer coding. EKCEP helped to advertise the program and had 900 applicants. The number was narrowed down to ten, and EKCEP paid their 40 hour a week wages until they completed the program. In March, they convened a meeting with two companies—Expansion out of Nebraska and Workforce Inc. out of Atlanta—who are successfully outsourcing IT jobs. They are also working with President Box of KCTCS to develop a regional strategy to produce accelerated IT training which will begin in high school. In addition, there is a new business starting in Pikeville called Bit Source which plans to train coal miners to code for websites, mobile apps. etc.

ITEMS FOR ACTION / DISCUSSION

Perkins Committee Recommendation

Dr. Dale Winkler gave a brief overview of Perkins Funds and how they are to be used based on the law. Then he presented the Perkins Fund Committee's recommendation for fiscal year 2016. This year, Kentucky received 17.9 million dollars in Perkins funds to promote the development of career and technical education. Eighty-five percent of the money is given directly back to technical education programs and ten percent is allocated at the state level for leadership activities. Allocations for the ten percent are determined/approved by the KWIB and include assessing career and tech ed. programs, expanding the use of technology in career and tech ed.,

funding professional development programs, etc. Board members received a document detailing the committee's meetings and recommendation of allocations by the categories specified in the law.

ACTION: Dr. Dale Winkler motioned to accept the Perkins Committee recommendation. Representative Larry Clark seconded. Motion carried.

WIOA System Transformation

Commissioner Kuhn, co-chair of the steering committee, reported on the WIOA system transformation and Deputy Secretary Beth Brinly reported on the regional and local area designation policy up for adoption and the steering committee's recommendation.

- Update on Interlocal Agreements:
 - Must be in place by July 1, 2015
 - 4 of 10 have submitted drafts
 - Must be approved by the Dept. of Local Governance
 - Education and Workforce Development Cabinet is providing assistance through review
 - There are transition funds available to assist local areas
- Regional Identification and Local Area Designation Policy
 - Outlines specific definitions for “perform successfully” and “sustains fiscal integrity”
 - Reinforces the identification of regions and local areas
 - Outlines the consultation, public communication and comment process
 - Outlines the appeals process
 - Steering Committee wished to reiterate the following:
 - Although they're recommending the maintenance of geographic boundaries, they're not endorsing the status quo in terms of service delivery.
 - The fiscal agent should be procured competitively.
 - There should be a communication plan and technical assistance approach towards the difference between local areas and regions.

ACTION: Motion was made by Commissioner Beth Kuhn for the KWIB to adopt the policy as described by Deputy Secretary Brinly. Representative Larry Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

KWIB Local and Regional Designation

Final Regional and Local Area Designation Steering Committee Report and Recommendation

Areas meeting the criteria of being in place two years prior to the law, performed successfully and had fiscal integrity were allowed to remain the same if all local elected officials agreed to do so. Six of the eight areas meeting those criteria decided to remain the same.

- Six local areas met the initial designation criteria and there was agreement by the Local Elected Officials to maintain their existing local area. Those areas are as follows:
 - Cumberlands
 - Green River
 - Lincoln Trail
 - Northern Kentucky
 - TENCO
 - Western Kentucky
- Upon application of the criteria, factors, consultations and public comment, the following local areas that did not meet the initial designation criteria and/or where their Local Elected Officials were not in agreement also maintain their current local area configuration:
 - KentuckianaWorks

- EKCEP
- Barren River
- Bluegrass

The steering committee was strongly in favor of a three-region design, but after input from the community, decided upon a four-region design.

- Upon application of the criteria, factors, consultations and public comment, the regional area recommendation is four intrastate regions:
 - Central comprised of Bluegrass, KentuckianaWorks, Lincoln Trail, and Northern Kentucky
 - East comprised of EKCEP and TENCO
 - South comprised of Barren River and Cumberlands
 - West comprised of Green River and Western Kentucky

ACTION: The following motion was made by Commissioner Beth Kuhn: As co-chair of the Local and Regional Designation Steering Committee, I make the motion that the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board receives and accepts the following recommendations of the Local and Regional Designation Steering Committee which were based on the criteria outlined in WIOA Section 106 and other relevant factors. Representative Larry Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Closing Comments

In light of the reconfiguration of the board, Secretary Zawacki thanked board members for their service and encouraged those who may not be on the new board to continue to be involved in workforce issues.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 2:55 p.m., with no further business, Hugh Haydon motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Scott Pierce seconded. Motion carried.