

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Southard, Lori Ulrich, Danny Davis, Pat Murphy, Pat Murphy, Josh Benton, Kim Menke, Terry Sexton, Kristina Slattery, Scott Brinkman, Amy Luttrell, Jimmy Higdon, Curtis Carson, David Horseman, Kevin Smith, Adam Hinton, Wayne Lewis, Aaron Thompson, Kurtis Mishler, Dianne Owen, Lee Nimocks, Mayor Tom Watson, Adam Hinton, Kevin Smith, Heidi Margulis, and Scott Pierce.

CABINET STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Aguilar and Christy Henry

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Smith (representing the Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:34pm

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Education & Workforce Cabinet Updates

Deputy Secretary Josh Benton provided an update on the efforts that the Cabinet are making to assist with layoffs and provide tools to help those people get back into the workforce.

Deputy Secretary Benton also provided an update regarding WorkReady Skills and the completion of their construction projects. Barren County Area Technology Center has begun a program that provides education to high school students during the day and adult education in the evenings.

Deputy Secretary Benton introduced Commissioner Lana Gordon to the board and further made them aware that she will be serving as the Commissioner for the Department for Workforce Investment. Commissioner Gordon addressed the board, showing appreciation for the opportunity, and further provided information regarding the cabinet booth that will be at the Kentucky State Fair.

State Strategic Plan

Lead Policy Advisor, Andy Hightower, provided an update on the WIOA State Plan. He explained that this plan must currently be updated every four years and is defines as how the state uses funds provided by DOL. Andy further discussed a packet that is being developed to assist the KWIB with understanding the information on the State Plan dashboard that is currently being completed and explanations regarding how to assist with any challenges that may arise with the plan. Andy emphasized that the State Plan is not the same as the KWIB Strategic Plan. Mr. Hightower provided the board with a link for reference.

Kentucky Health Update

Tracy Williams with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services provided the update on Ky. Health. Ms. Williams spoke regarding the program's efforts for deepening community partnerships and getting members to use the system. She proceeded by telling the board about the KHIPP enhancements and how this is helping by being able to provide direct deposit. KHIPP is a program for employers that allows the state to pay premiums. Handout materials were presented to the KWIB regarding a special enrollment period for KHIPP. Ms. Williams asked the board to advise her regarding outreach. Kim Menke asked "What is the

strategic feedback and what additional activities have we provided to get the word out?” Ms. Williams answer was “a packet of information for managers to help managers go through the process seamlessly.”

Dun and Bradstreet

Jason Probst, Relationship Manager with Dun and Bradstreet, provided info on Kentucky’s partnership with Dunn and Bradstreet. Materials were provided to the KWIB. Mr. Probst conveyed to the board that there is more data to come and this data is currently being triangulated to improve trends and more accuracy.

WorkReady Communities Certifications

Melissa Aguilar provided the update on WorkReady Communities. She presented one recertification, which was Breckenridge County, and one extension, which was Bourbon County. Melissa asked the KWIB to approve both. Dr. Aaron Thompson made a motion and Heidi Margulis made a second. Motion carried.

Measuring Success for the Plan-Metrics Dashboard

Deputy Secretary Josh Benton provided an update on the Metrics dashboard. He discussed the measurement of success for the Strategic Plan, job training, job placement, and unemployment.

The Workforce dashboard link was sent to the KWIB to review and provide feedback the following week after the KWIB meeting.

Project Management Plan

Jim Mahoney, Consultant with Deloitte, provided the KWIB with an update on the Project Management Plan. Jim’s presentation was informational. He also notified the KWIB of the Retreat that is being planned for November 14.

Implementation Update- the KYWORKS Collaborative

Melissa Aguilar provided an update on the Collaborative. Danny Davis spoke regarding the Metrics committee and the efforts they are currently working on. Mr. Davis notified the KWIB that metrics are being tied to workforce areas and the committee is working to overcome any obstacles.

Employer Engagement and Education Attainment and Completion

Kevin Smith, Chair of the committee provided an update on Employer Engagement and Education Attainment and Completion. He referenced that the committee is working through the Chamber, regional workforce boards, and work base learning opportunities. Darryl McGaha with the Pulaski workforce area noted that he is working towards opportunities that engage employers’ potential to hire students.

Workforce Participation and Sustainability

Amy Luttrell, Chair of the committee, provided an update on Workforce Participation and Sustainability. Amy advised the KWIB that the two committees have now merged and the first meeting took place on August 5, 2019. Amy iterated that Workforce Participation has increased within the state and that the committee is currently researching neighboring statistics. The committee’s priority is the benefit cliff. The benefit cliff is defined as increasing wages causes a decrease in benefits for those receiving those benefits. The committee is working to determine increasing wages within the state to decrease the number of people on assistance. Amy discussed that those people will not take a promotion due to their benefits being decreased.

Funding & Analysis Kim Menke, chair of the Funding & Analysis Committee provided an update on the progress of the Funding & Analysis Committee. Kim spoke regarding the consolidation of the two

committees to better accommodate services. Kim went on to discuss that there is a lot of activity going on and there are some challenges, but that each committee member is challenging themselves to be involved and overcome those challenges. Kim advised the KWIB that there would be a “sit down” discussion soon to discuss new data that has been requested.

Other Business/Discussion

Melissa announced that the Alzheimer’s Taskforce Committee is looking for others to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn made by Mike Buchanon at 3:47pm. Kevin Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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