



KWIB and Collaborative Workforce Participation and Sustainability Committee Meeting DRAFT MINUTES

May 5, 2021 – 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Meeting via zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Amy Luttrell - CHAIR (KWIB)	X	Dr. Paul Czarapata	X
Jon Davidson - CHAIR (Collaborative)	X	Dr. Bob Jackson	X
Edgardo Mansilla		Dr. Jason Glass / David Horseman (proxy)	X
Judge Exec. Micheal Hale	X	Kristin Porter	X
Lynn Parrish	X	Laurie Mays	X
Heidi Margulis	X	Tara Johnson-Noem	X
Buddy Hoskinson		Todd Dunn	
Ryan Holmes	X	Michael Buckentin (David Fusting Proxy)	X
Michael Gritton	X	Dr. Jacquelyn Korengel	X
Jessica Cunningham		Cora McNabb	X
Jon Sowards	X	Scott Secamiglio	X
Karen Trial		Suhas Kulkarni	X
Julie Whitis	X	Shauna King-Simms	X
Trace Chesser	X	Jeff Whitehead	X
Myra Wilson	X	Jeremy Faulkner	X

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Lyons	X	Sara Jagers	X
Betty Hays	X	Kevin Smith	X
Michael Cornett	X	Debbie Dennison	X
Mary Pat Regan	X	Harmony Little	X

1:31pm Call Meeting to Order / Welcome

Amy Luttrell, co-chair, called the meeting to order and walked through the agenda and goals for the meeting.

- **Annie E Casey Foundation (AECF) Update** – Amy asked Harmony Little, KCTCS to provide an overview of research being done for the Youth population by the grant provided by the AECF. (Refer to PowerPoint in meeting packet) - **Annie E Casey Foundation** background - <https://www.aecf.org/about/grant-making/>

- **Teleworks USA / EKCEP successes** - Amy welcomed Jeff Whitehead and Michael Cornett with EKCEP and Betty Hays with Teleworks to talk through their business successes in Eastern Kentucky. Key takeaways include: Teleworks job placements can be done outside of EKCEP region; working remotely is real with training available; sample companies using Teleworks include: Apple, Hallmark, Starbucks, United, Anthem and many others; with good internet speeds, global industries can be customers. *ACTION: KWIB staff to facilitate meeting with EWDC and Teleworks / EKCEP representatives to build upon success.*
<https://www.teleworkusa.com/>; <https://www.ekcep.org/>

- **Cabinet updates** – Amy asked Mary Pat Regan, Deputy Secretary for the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet (EWDC) to comment on Cabinet efforts to improve broadband capabilities across the Commonwealth. The Cabinet is mapping funds received by the Federal government in accordance with ARP guidelines. They will identify those eligible and work on a process for implementation (ideally through a special session in the legislature most likely in July). Timing for more information should come at the end of May. The cabinet will be open to piloting opportunities that may include vouchers for use by LWDA and Higher Ed end-users.

Amy asked Mary Pat to provide updates on child care assistance in Kentucky. Mary Pat has a meeting to discuss further with the administration on May 10 and will communicate back to the KWIB any updates. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and EDWC have been given money to use in collaboration for this effort. *ACTION: KWIB staff to provide update once received.* Michael Gritton indicated that other states have a voucher program facilitated through the Local Workforce Development Authorities (LWDA) and will provide contact information to the KWIB for additional follow up.

- Conversations are happening between committee members with focus on specific populations such as veterans and re-entry, to increase alignment of the various services available.
- Amy is seeking possible sources for policy analysis to identify possible changes to benefit eligibility, to address the benefit cliff that the Family Resource Calculator demonstrates.

Next steps are to compile these ideas and set up next meeting in the coming weeks.

3:00pm Meeting Close / Adjournment
