



KWIB
Perkins Leadership Fund Workgroup
Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025
8:00 am – 3:00 pm ET; via Zoom

Group 1: Office of Career & Technical (OCTE), Office of Adult Education (OAE), Murray State University, and University of Kentucky (UK)

Attendees: Lori Looney (workgroup lead), Karen McFadyen, Johnny Collett, BJ Wilkerson, Crystal Whitaker, Mary Taylor, Summer Morgan, Susan Hopkins, Donna Crouch, Sarah Sprayberry

Staff: Debbie Dennison, LaChrista Ellis, Elishah Taylor, and Sara Jagers

- Mary Taylor presented on OCTE's Train the Trainer - OSHA 10 safety training and certification renewal. (\$35,700)
- Summer Morgan and Susan Hopkins presented on Adult Services, Equipping Kentucky's Special Adult Populations for Success in Postsecondary Education in the Workplace. (\$62,995)
- Donna Crouch presented on Murray State University's AI for Training Educators: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Other New Technology Strategies Training for CTE Expansion. (\$36,500)
- Sarah Sprayberry presented on UK's Voices of the Bluegrass: Breaking Educational Barriers for Kentucky Youth. (\$72,723)

Group 2: Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS), University of Louisville (UofL), Western Kentucky University (WKU)

Attendees: Lori Looney (workgroup lead), Karen McFadyen, Johnny Collett, Kim Humphrey, Kevin Smith, Crystal Whitaker, Kendrah Pearson, Taylor Pratt, Ghgezal Said, Lora Moore

Staff: Debbie Dennison, LaChrista Ellis, Elishah Taylor, and Sara Jagers

- Kendrah Pearson and Reneau Waggoner presented on KCTCS's Multi-Projects Including: Re-enrollment Advisor for stop-out students with stranded credits; curriculum review and industry alignment; CTE Professional Development, Operations and Support; Credit for Prior Learning Alignment to CTE; AI Faculty Development; Applied Practice for Teaching. (\$487,068.26)
- Taylor Pratt presented on UofL's T.E.A.C.H. AI – Training, best practices and platform for networking. (\$87,140)
- Ghgezal Said and Lora Moore presented on WKU's Perkins Leadership Grant – Online LPN to ASN. (\$10,500)

Group 3: OCTE: Career Programs and Pathways; Technical Assistance; Professional Development

Attendees: Lori Looney (workgroup lead), Karen McFadyen, Johnny Collett, Kim Humphrey, Kevin Smith, Crystal Whitaker, Tom Thompson

Staff: Debbie Dennison, LaChrista Ellis, Elishah Taylor, and Sara Jagers

- Tom Thompson presented on three different applications for OCTE:
 - Professional Development: Continuous professional learning and technical upgrades for state staff and CTE educators for skills and alignment. (\$190,000)
 - Technical Assistance: Continuous support to districts, schools, and CTE teachers to ensure the effective implementation of secondary career and technical education programs. (\$35,000)
 - Career Programs & Pathways: Instructional resources for educators, fosters business and industry partnerships, and supports the alignment of secondary and postsecondary pathways. (\$449,795)

Discussion and Recommendations:

Attendees: Lori Looney (workgroup lead), Karen McFadyen, Johnny Collett, Kim Humphrey, Kevin Smith, Crystal Whitaker

Staff: Debbie Dennison, LaChrista Ellis, Elishah Taylor, and Sara Jagers

Workgroup met to discuss interviews and share thoughts and concerns.

- KCTCS and UofL submitted an addendum immediately following the interviews because the outdated version they used didn't include Section M that addressed special populations. Both answered how their projects would serve one or more of the special populations identified in Perkins.
- Discussion of new position created with Perkins funding that are only supported for up to 3 years, after which the entity must determine if they can continue to fund that position or if needs to be dissolved.
- Discussion of reporting accountability, return on investment, and yearly monitoring for each program. OCTE program lead, Lori Looney indicated that an annual report that is requested of each applicant could be shared with this Leadership Fund workgroup.

Next Steps:

Sending the approved recommendations to the Education Attainment Committee prior to the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board for final approval.



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Group 1—8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (via Zoom)

- OCTE – OSHA - Mary Taylor
- OAE - Adult Education AI & PD – Susan Hopkins and Summer Morgan
- MSU - AI for CTE - Donna Crouch
- UK – Breaking Barriers/ELL Podcast – Sarah Sprayberry

Group 2—10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (via Zoom)

- KCTCS – PS CTE - Kendrah Pearson/Reneau Waggoner
- U of L – Teach AI - Taylor Pratt on behalf of Jeffrey Sun
- WKU – Online LPN to ASN – Ghgezal Said/Lora Moore

Group 3 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (via Zoom)

- Career Programs and Pathways—Tom Thompson
- Technical Assistance- Tom Thompson
- Professional Development- Tom Thompson

School	Program Overview	Funding Amount
Office of Career & Technical Education (OCTE)	Train the Trainer - OSHA 10 safety training credentialling	\$35,700.00
Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE)	Adult Education Services; Equipping Kentucky’s Special Adult Populations for Success in Postsecondary Education and the Workforce	\$62,995.00
Murray State University (MSU)	Training Educators: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Other New Technology Strategies Training for CTE Expansion	\$ 36,500.00
University of Kentucky (UK)	Voices of the Bluegrass: Breaking Educational Barriers for Kentucky Youth	\$72,723.00
Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS)	KCTCS – Multi-Projects Including: Re-enrollment Advisor for stop-out students with stranded credits; curriculum review and industry alignment; CTE Professional Development, Operations and Support; Credit for Prior Learning Alignment to CTE; AI Faculty Development; Applied Practice for Teaching	\$487,068.26
University of Louisville (U of L)	T.E.A.C.H. AI – Training, best practices and platform for networking	\$87,140.00

Western Kentucky University (WKU)	WKU Perkins Leadership Grant - Online LPN to ASN	\$10,500.00
OCTE – Professional Development	Continuous professional learning and technical upgrades for state staff and CTE educators for skills and alignment	\$190,000.00
OCTE – Technical Assistance	Continuous support to districts, schools, and CTE teachers to ensure the effective implementation of secondary career and technical education programs	\$35,000.00
OCTE – Career Programs & Pathways	Instructional resources for educators, fosters business and industry partnerships, and supports the alignment of secondary and postsecondary pathways.	\$449,795.00