



KWIB
Sector Strategies
Sub-committee Meeting
DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00-12:00 EST

Zoom Info; Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sara Tracy- Chair	x	Lisa Banner	
LaKisha Miller		Todd Schmiedeler	
Brian Becker		Jessie Schook	
Tony Georges		Dr. Lee Nimocks	
Kim Menke		Dr. Oj Oleka	
Mike Buckentin / David Fusting		Julie Whitis	x
John Greene		Justin Browning	x
Kim Humphrey		Steven Rudolf	
Tim Ernst		Brian Lovell	
Zach Gaubert	x	Kristi Putnam	x

Others present: Jacob McAndrews, Debbie Dennison, Stefanie Ebbens-Kingsley, Rick Smith, Michelle DeJohn

CALL TO ORDER AT 11:02AM

Sara Tracy, Chair

Key Sector Evaluations

Stefanie Ebbens-Kingsley, KWIB Executive Director, updated the committee about KHEAA meeting earlier in the week to discuss Early Childhood scholarships compared to Work Ready Scholarship funding. KYSTATS is currently looking at industry and occupational assignments and reviewing the salary levels of current and proposed High Demand Industries and Key Sectors. While discussion is being had around making childcare a Key Sector, we need to be intentional around review of occupations whether or not they provide a life sustaining wage.

Scott Secamiglio from KYSTATS will be invited to the next Sector Strategy meeting to discuss before making recommendation to the full KWIB board in May. Our goal is to implement an annual evaluation of our Key Sectors to ensure that we are remaining up to date with our workforce strategies.

Michelle DeJohn, OEAS Executive Director, offered information on childcare, by area, in Kentucky. She will be providing additional information as well at the next Sector Strategy meeting.

Work-Based Learning Employer Toolkit Discussion

Sara opened up discussion around the WBL Toolkit and that we need to pull materials that exist today and then have the smaller working group dig into what an updated toolkit might look like. There seems to be a big gap in understanding about what is available to employers through the state, but also what is required with a WBL or apprenticeship path.

Discussion was had around reviewing the current KDE TRACK program manual, KWIB staff will be reaching out to David Horseman to begin the conversation. Additional discussion was had around the TRACK program and educators on the call made suggestions to possibly update the flexibility of how students (and institutions) can receive recognition for non-TRACK experiences or lower the barriers to being recognized by TRACK.

Next Steps:

- Work-Based Learning Toolkit.
 - KWIB staff will gather a list of volunteers for the WBL Working Group. The working group will meet 1-2 times ahead of the next Sector Strategies Committee meeting, with the goal being to present a framework for the toolkit for discussion at that meeting.
 - KWIB staff will begin compiling a list of existing resources and build a “glossary” of terms used throughout the state by different agencies/stakeholders.

NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 13, 2022 AT 11:00AM EST.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42pm.