

AGENDA

January 10, 2017

ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TANF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 A.M.

Call to Order.....Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

Chairman's Comments.....Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

ACTION Item 1

Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Committee Meeting

Act 1205 of 2015 Updates.....Ida Emerson

Report on TANF Program Activities.....Phil Harris

TANF Success Story Presentation.....Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATES

April 11, 2017	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Committees Full Board Meeting	ACTI, Hot Springs ACTI, Hot Springs
July 11, 2017	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Committees Full Board Meeting	TBD TBD
October 11, 2017	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Committees Full Board Meeting	TBD TBD

Embassy Suites Hotel
11301 Financial Centre Parkway
Little Rock, Arkansas



**For Consideration of the
Arkansas Workforce Development Board
TANF Oversight Committee**

January 10, 2017

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 committee meeting.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Minutes of the meeting are attached.

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ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Oversight Committee
October 11, 2016

A meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board, TANF Oversight Committee was held on October 11, 2016, at Goodwill Industries, Inc., 7400 Scott Hamilton Drive, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman Thomas Anderson presided with the following members present: Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. Johnny Key by proxy Ms. Michelle Griffin, Ms. Mary Franklin, Mr. Lindsay Brown and Mr. Robert Thorne. Mr. Daryl Bassett was unable to attend.

Chairman's Comments: Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He stated that the structure of the meeting would be different in that a presentation and tour of the facilities at Goodwill Industries would be incorporated at lunch.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the July 12, 2016, Committee Meeting: Chair Anderson proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, hearing none, the minutes were approved on **a motion made by Judge Brandon Ellison, seconded by Mr. Lindsay Brown, and carried unanimously.**

The committee heard an update on the implementation of requirements in Act 1205 of 2015 from Mr. Phil Harris, ADWS – Assistant Director for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs. The committee reviewed the new drug screening and drug testing program for TANF participants, as required by state law.

An update on enrollment in the TANF program was provided by Mr. Harris, who also discussed partnership opportunities with the community based organizations and school districts to reach the homeless populations and other untapped populations in Arkansas.

The committee heard an update on the implementation and roll out of ARWINS, an integrated system that streamlines eligibility systems from the Department of Human Services and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. The ARWINS system is officially in production and is being piloted in three counties.

The committee received an update on the action plan put together by staff to aid the committee in monitoring the required activities of the committee, as established by the bylaws, and also to reflect the goals and objectives that have been implemented in the state plan.

Announcements: Chair Anderson stated that the next meeting of the TANF Oversight Committee will be at 10:00 a.m., January 10, 2017, followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the full board at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

Adjourn: Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m., on a motion made by Mr. Lindsay Brown, seconded by Judge Brandon Ellison, and carried unanimously.

Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Investment
Department of Workforce Services

*Minutes by LaJoy Montgomery
Department of Workforce Services Staff*