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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

January 10, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Little Rock Workforce Center
5401 South University
Little Rock, Arkansas

Arkansas Workforce Development Board

TANF Oversight Committee



AGENDA

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ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TANF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00 A.M.

Call to Order Gann Nunnally, Committee Chair

Chairman's Comments Gann Nunnally, Committee Chair

Agenda Item 1: ACTION

Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Committee Meeting

Agenda Item 2: INFORMATIONAL

Implementation of the TANF Career Connect Subsidized Derwin Taylor, Program Operations Manager
Employment Initiative Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

Report on TANF Program Activities

Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATES

April 9, 2019	TBD
July 9, 2019	TBD
October 8, 2019	TBD

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

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AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the September 10, 2018 TANF Oversight Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Minutes of the meetings are attached.

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MINUTES
ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Oversight Committee
September 10, 2018

A teleconference meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was conducted on September 10, 2018. Accommodations were set-up for in-person attendance at the Arkansas Workforce Center, 5401 South University, Little Rock, Arkansas. Chair George Nunnally presided with the following members voicing their presence: Mr. Thomas Anderson (here), Mr. Daryl Bassett by proxy Mr. Steve Guntharp (here), and Mr. Robert Thorne (here).

Board members Mr. Lindsey Brown, Judge Brandon Ellison, and Mr. Johnny Key, Ms. Mary Franklin were unable to attend.

Chairperson Comments: Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Nunnally called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the July 10, 2018 – Committee Meeting: Chair Nunnally proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. **A motion to approve the TANF July 10, 2018, minutes with no revisions was made by Mr. Robert Thorne, seconded by Mr. Tom Anderson, carried unanimously with none opposed.**

Report on TANF Program Activities: Chair Nunnally recognized ADWS Assistant Director Mr. Phil Harris to provide an update on TANF Program Activities. Mr. Harris informed committee members there were no additional State updates; however, there were significant Federal Updates.

Mr. Harris stated an extension is possible for the TANF Reauthorization which expires September 30, 2018. The House of Representatives passed a Bill for Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits & Service (JOBS) for Success Act of 2018 and has reached the Senate Finance Committee. Some of the feedback being received by states from the National Governors Association (NGA) are in regards to job placement and retention, subsidized employment (implementing or will implement), engage workers outside of the regular TANF population such as WorkPays, and third party MOE (Maintenance of Effort) spending in which Arkansas does not. This Act would extend some family assistance grants known as State Family Assistance Grant (SFAG), Healthy Marriage Promotion Responsible Fatherhood, and Child Care Entitlement until 2023.

Mr. Phil Harris provided an overview of some initiatives being set for October 1, 2018. One initiative is a type of work-based learning for six month placements focused on the Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) population who is the primary client for TANF. This initiative is offered to all Local Workforce Development Areas with a \$1,500 retention bonus.

Mr. Harris stated another initiative through the Act of 1705 of 2005 authorizes ADWS to partner with Community Based Organizations (CBO) and Faith Based Organizations (FBO) with TANF funds to improve outcomes for youth, fatherhood, healthy marriage, parenting services for ex-offenders and kinship care.

He provided committee members an update on the work-based learning with the local non-profit Our House, Inc. This initiative assists the homeless and the near homeless populations in addition to recruiting for the TEA program. Mr. Harris stated the program is due to expire at the end of September; however, the success of the program has prompted the facilitation of additional funding to continue this effort.

The final initiative being reviewed is to re-establish a Human Service Worker in School program in the next fiscal year.

TANF Individual Development Account program was suspended; however, it recently received approval to implement to assist individuals to save for specific categories such as buying a house or schooling. Mr. Harris stated funding is matched 3:1 for costs saved on participants.

TANF Action Plan: Mr. Harris pointed out the work-based learning implemented through the Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) that extends with the WIOA. This initiative has been put on hold, but it will be revisited in the Fiscal Year being October 1 due to Arkansas Works implementation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair George Nunnally at 9:32 a.m. upon **a motion by Mr. Tom Anderson, seconded by Robert Thorne with none opposed.**

George Nunnally, Chair
TANF Oversight Committee

Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Development
Department of Workforce Services

Minutes by *Devona Caples and Rebecca Edwards*
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