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September 10, 2018
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

ACTION Item 1

Minutes of the July 10, 2018 Committee Meeting

Report on TANF Program Activities

Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATES

October 9, 2018	10:00 a.m.	Full Board Meeting	Little Rock
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**For Consideration of the
Arkansas Workforce Development Board
Program and Performance Evaluation Committee**

September 10, 2018

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the July 10, 2018 Program and Performance Evaluation Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Program and Performance Evaluation Committee approve the minutes of the July 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

July 10, 2018

A meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was conducted on July 10, 2018, at the Crowne Plaza, 201 S. Shackleford Road, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Committee Chair George Nunnally presided with the following members present: Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Lindsey Brown, Judge Brandon Ellison, and Mr. Robert Thorne.

Board members Mr. Johnny Key, Ms. Mary Franklin, and Mr. Daryl Bassett were unable to attend.

Chairperson Comments: Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Committee Chair Nunnally called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the April 10, 2018 – Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Nunnally proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved on **a motion by Lindsey Brown, seconded by Robert Thorne, and carried unanimously.**

Committee Chair Nunnally recognized ADWS Assistant Director Mr. Phil Harris to provide an update on TANF Program Activities. Mr. Harris began with the State & Federal Updates for the Arkansas TANF program. The proposed plan on the Eligibility Policy Change for Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) will adjust the 1996 minimum wage amount to the prevailing state minimum wage that will push TEA Net Income Eligibility Standard from \$223 to \$368. This would also increase the applicant's earned income deduction from 20% to 30%.

Mr. Harris then provided committee members a federal update on TANF Reauthorization in which proposed legislation re-names title IV-A of the Social Security Act – Jobs and Opportunity with Benefits & Service (JOBS) for Success Act of 2018. The proposed legislation has an expectation of universal engagement and case management including promoting accountability by measuring work outcomes.

Next, Mr. Harris provided a performance update stating Arkansas has successfully met its "All-Families" and "Two-Parent Work Participation" rates for fiscal year (FY) 2017 (the last year certified/reported by ACF) under the Temporary Assistance for Needy families (TANF) program. He then proceeded to provide an update on the Arkansas Workforce Integrated Network System (ARWINS) IT System. ARWINS is no longer a pilot program and is implemented statewide in all ADWS Workforce Centers. As a result, Arkansas has seen performance enhancements for the case management process. The system will also be a future enhancement by implementing the information technology platform into the Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) program at the two-year colleges. The goal is to have this implemented in June

2019 to ensure low-income job seekers can receive a complete portfolio of education, training, and workforce development services.

Our House Pipeline to Employment - Homelessness Initiative Update – Mr. Harris continued by sharing an update on the employment pipeline through the homelessness initiative of the local non-profit Our House, Inc. This initiative has added 13 new members to Employer Alliance (exceeding the goal of 10); 56 clients were placed in jobs (It exceeded the goal of 50 employers, and it is expected to exceed the goal of 500 by end of contract period.); and a total of forty-eight (48) employed clients had wage increases (expected to meet or exceed a goal of 100 employed clients with wage increases).

Mr. Harris also provided committee members with a success story from the Jonesboro Workforce Center. Teresa Rodriguez, a 2014 TEA participant came back in 2017 and was placed into a work activity. She returned to school in the Fall Semester 2017 and graduated May 12, 2018 with a B.S. Degree in Social Work. She is now a full-time employee at Mark Tree Housing Authority as of June of 2018. She is now transitioning to the Work Pays Program. Work Pays will help with childcare and to continue to help her to remain stable and employed. Her goal is now to get her graduate degree.

Lastly, Mr. Harris updated the committee on the partnership with the Department of Education that focuses on Minor Parents. TEA can serve Minor Parents, as long as they stay in school. This is a potential way of transitioning into the Career Pathways Initiative, as they become adults.

Announcements: Chair George Nunnally informed attendees the next meeting of the TANF Oversight Committee is October 9, 2018, followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the Full Board at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be announced by staff at a later date.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair George Nunnally at 11:16 a.m. upon a motion by Mr. Lindsay Brown, seconded by Judge Brandon Ellison with none opposed.

George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Arnell Willis, Workforce Development Board Director
Department of Workforce Services

Minutes by Devona Caples and Rebecca Edwards
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