

AGENDA

April 11, 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 January 10, 2017 Committee Meeting

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

Program Outreach & Enrollment Strategies.....Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Presentation from Arkansas Career Training Institute and Tour

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Served by ACTI Students)

1:00 p.m. Full Board Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATES

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

Arkansas Career Training Institute
105 Reserve Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas



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

April 11, 2017

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Committee Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 committee meeting.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Minutes of the meeting are attached.

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MINUTES

ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Oversight Committee
January 10, 2017**

A meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was held on January 10, 2017, at Embassy Suites Hotel, 11301 Financial Centre Parkway, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman Tom Anderson presided with the following members present: Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. George Nunnally, 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.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the October 11, 2016, Committee Meeting: Chair Anderson proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved on a motion by Judge Brandon Ellison, seconded by Mr. Lindsay Brown, and carried unanimously.

The committee heard an implementation update for requirements in Act 1205 of 2015 from Mr. Phil Harris, Assistant Director for TANF Programs. The committee reviewed the new state law required drug screening/testing program for TANF customers.

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

Mr. Harris provided an update on TANF performance, discussing areas of improvement and success. Arkansas has performed well in most categories but has fallen into corrective action to improve in one area of performance. Mr. Harris is optimistic that the area of concern will be corrected in a timely manner.

The committee was supportive of making recommendations to the Governor's office and legislative committee. Such recommendations would be for increasing the TANF eligibility threshold for income qualifications and monetary monthly stipends. These increases would improve TANF performance and provide access to services to more at-risk families.

The committee heard a rollout and implementation update for ARWINS, a workforce integrated network system that interfaces with the eligibility systems at the Arkansas Department of Human Services. The system bring over those work-eligible cases, and helps case managers at the Department of Workforce services to offer effective, outcome driven, and customer centric case management services. The ARWINS system is officially in production and is being piloted in three counties.

The committee received an update on the staff-generated action plan to aid in monitoring required activities, 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., April 11, 2017, followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the full board at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Arkansas Career Training Institute in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Adjourn: Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m., on a **motion made 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*