



**Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)  
One-Stop Advisory Council (OSAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2020**

**1. Welcome and Introductions (11:35 am)**

Tisha Cannizzo welcomed attendees, asked for self-introductions, and called the meeting to order.

**2. Rapid Response for Laid Off Workers (11:36 am)**

Amanda Duncan from the Workforce Alliance provided a summary of special services provided to the workers affected by the recent Spirit AeroSystems lay-offs. Several rapid response meetings were held 1/27 and 1/28 to provide the 2000 dislocated production workers information on Unemployment Insurance, training, and other workforce services available to them. Resource fairs were held in conjunction with each of the meetings; representatives from utility companies, education partners, and other community organizations attended. Additional Rapid Response meetings are planned as the layoffs require; some may be closed while others will be open to anyone who has been laid off. Duncan also shared that the Workforce Center has added several job fairs including fairs targeted to specific types of dislocated workers (production, administrative, etc.)

A total of 4600 total layoffs are planned or have already occurred. However, it is not projected to be a long-term layoff; many workers are focused on short-term employment as a stop-gap between lay off and call back.

**3. Workforce Center Google Lab (11:51 am)**

Janet Sutton from the Workforce Alliance provided information about the new Google product lab and workshops that will be offered. The lab was made possible by an extension of the Workforce Innovation Fund and includes 16 Chromebooks, a Jamboard, and 4 Pixelbooks. The equipment will be used to offer 4 new workshops using Google Applied Digital Skills curriculum with plans to offer workshops remotely through partnerships with the library system and NexStep Alliance. Workshops will be twice weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays beginning February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**4. State WIOA Plan and Local Area Follow Up (11:59 am)**

Denise Houston from the Workforce Alliance provided an update on the status of the new State Plan and the resulting update to the Local Plan. The State closed the public comment period for the plan 1/17/2020 and is now evaluating the comments. They will next submit the plan to the State Workforce Board and once approved, will submit it to the appropriate secretary. Kansas chose to submit a combined plan, which means that it includes goals and plans for the WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs, Wagner Peysner Employment Services, Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Trade Adjustment Assistance, Jobs for Veterans State Grants, and Senior Community Service Employment Program.

The Local Plan is informed by the State Plan; instructions for forming the Local Plan should be received by March or April. It will include changes to partner MOUs and infrastructure

agreements. Partners will need to submit participant counts to Chad Pettera for budget planning and negotiations.

#### **5. Workforce System Mapping (12:05 pm)**

Cannizzo reviewed the previous meetings notes on how the group's purpose and how it can work together more effectively. The following ideas for implementation were discussed:

- Understand System Policies
  - Create a digital calculator for Area IV that would allow anyone to input the needs of a client and the system would generate a list of suggestions based on the program eligibilities mapped out in the system.
  - Create an email group to share regular updates
  - Cross-training for the region
  - Create training, similar to the WIF trainings, and record each program so that new staff could review it. Must be updated annually. Possibly host the live training as part of the Workforce in-service trainings.
- Improving Partnerships
  - Host regular networking events where there are structured discussion topics. Similar to the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Breakfast from Nov. 2018. Must be at a time that partner staff can participate. Conduct in other counties of area besides SG.
  - Co-locate partner offices in the Workforce Center. Would it be possible for agencies to have a regular, limited schedule of providing services out of the Workforce Center as a trial period before it's permanently written into the MOU?
  - Utilize video conferencing to bring in a partner when meeting with a client.

#### **6. Advisory Council Partner Updates (12:56 pm)**

Partners were invited to provide updates on projects or needs in their organizations:

- Butler Community College
  - KAEA conference is April 1<sup>st</sup> and will feature Josh Davies' "Bring Your A Game." Conference is from 10-4; there are 5-6 seats still open. If interested, please email Sherry Watkins
- Goodwill/NexStep Alliance
  - The A-OK to Work bill was pushed back to July 1<sup>st</sup> as it must be up for public comment for an appropriate amount of time.
  - Goodwill will be at "Day at the Statehouse"

#### **7. Consent Agenda (1:00 pm)**

Minutes from the December 5th OSAC meeting were presented for review. No changes were requested

*Carolyn Benitez (Peter Bodyk) moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion adopted.*

#### **8. Announcements**

The next OSAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the Wichita Workforce Center

#### **9. Adjourn (1:01 pm)**



Council Members

Jennifer Anderson

Carolyn Benitez

Peter Bodyk

Erin George

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Chris Stanyer

Deb Weve

Sherry Watkins

Staff/Guests

Tisha Cannizzo

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