



**Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB)  
One-Stop Advisory Council (OSAC)  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2019**

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

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

**2. Census 2020 (11:37 am)**

Wendy Stark from The League of Kansas Municipalities provided an overview of the importance of the national census as it helps determine not only government representation, but also funding allocations. She shared that 2020 will be the first year completing the census questionnaire online or by phone will be options. Paper forms will be available as well until 4/1/20. Stark discussed the formation of “Complete Count Committees” across the state to help encourage all people, especially those in hard-to-count populations, to respond. Kansas is hiring 4500 part-time enumerators for the census and those positions are open now. The League of Kansas Municipalities is providing community outreach and education as well as tools and funds to help communities spread the word about responding to the census.

**3. WIOA Implementation (11:59 am)**

- a. Cannizzo provided a rough draft of the spreadsheet that will be used to report cost sharing activities to partners and requested feedback. Partners agreed it was sufficient.
- b. Chad Pettera discussed the partners’ cost sharing activities; he will have a final report for PY18 at the next meeting. He requested that the partners look over the existing report and let him know if there are any additions or changes that need to be made.
  - i. DOL Unemployment requested that they be credited for the mailing they provided in the amount of \$648
  - ii. Chris Stanyer from Goodwill/NexStep Alliance has information to add from WSU Tech
  - iii. SER also has activities to add to the report

**4. Partner4Work Dislocated Worker Grant (12:05 pm)**

Amanda Duncan from the Workforce Alliance presented information on the Partner4Work grant funded through a partnership with Midwest Urban Strategies. The million-dollar grant is spread among seven partner boards with the goal of assisting people who have lost jobs due to automation or technology. The grant will serve 167 people in the 10 county labor shed around the Wichita metro area by providing money for OJT, Registered Apprenticeship, and traditional training. Duncan clarified that automation does not have to be a “robot replaced the worker” situation; it could be a result of more people shopping online or even one receptionist that was displaced because the company purchased an automated phone system. The grant runs through December 2020; referrals are welcome, and customers should have documentation of a lay-off. The grant will fund non-Pell eligible training programs. Questions should be directed to Duncan, referrals to Kelly Meier at the Wichita Workforce Center.

**5. HYPE Pilot Project (12:14 pm)**

Duncan discussed the Camp HYPE (Helping Youth Prepare for Employment) project that

occurred over the summer. The program targeted 14 & 15 year olds and included a week of workshops and employer tours. There were over 70 applicants; students completed interviews to narrow the pool to 20 person cohorts. The first cohort was hosted at North High School. The workshops were held in the morning, and the company tours were in the afternoon. The second cohort was hosted at Evergreen Community Center. Students toured the facilities of Westar Energy, Spirit AeroSystems, Hutton Construction, Emprise Bank, and more. At the end of the sessions, students also earned their food handler cards. The project was funded through raised funds and will likely continue next summer. The program may expand to serve more youth and include campus, hotel, or health care facilities as funds allow.

#### **6. Providing Services to Rural Communities (12:34 pm)**

Chris Stanyer of Goodwill/NexStep Alliance opened a discussion about what the partners can do to reach out to rural communities. He indicated that the LearnIT Lab is out in 23 communities. It was agreed that the demand for services in rural areas exists. The Workforce Center is working with KanOkla to provide and utilize their internet services. They are also sending out Requests for Information regarding the Winfield and Wellington locations. Hays, KS has a **KANSASWORKS** bus that travels the area. Management will be looking to see how the outreach is going with that. Nicole Castellanos with the American Indian Council indicated that they do outreach through schools and events within the rural communities. After the discussion, it was suggested that the council come up with an action plan or framework for serving rural areas.

#### **7. Advisory Council Partner Updates (12:48 pm)**

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

- American Indian Council
  - Deadline for tuition assistance is 8/23
- DOL Unemployment
  - Department of Labor and Department of Revenue will hold a presentation on withholding and sales tax for employers
- Goodwill/NexStep Alliance
  - SB199 (AOK to Work) passed and will go into effect in January. Bill signing on 9/17/19. Any approved pathways will qualify for AOK to Work.
- Cowley Community College
  - Starting Adult Basic Education classes
  - Attended 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Pell (for inmates) meeting in Topeka. They will be opening up to receive letters of intent from schools wanting to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Pell. They may only award 3 or 4 schools in Kansas, but there is currently legislation in the works to remove the Pell barrier for inmates anyway.
- Workforce Centers
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Friday breakfast is 8/30
  - Get Hired Job Fair is 9/5 from 2-pm at Intrust Bank Arena. The first 30 minutes of the job fair is exclusively for Veterans and spouses. Working with Urban League to provide Job Fair preparation workshops for their customers. Flyers are coming; pre-registration is suggested

#### **8. Consent Agenda (12:48 pm)**

Minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup> One Stop Advisory Council meeting were presented for review. No changes were requested.

*Jennifer Anderson (Chris Stanyer) moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion adopted.*

**9. Announcements**

The next OSAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the NexStep Alliance City Center Campus.

**10. Adjourn (12:51 pm)**



Council Members

Jennifer Anderson  
Carolyn Benitez  
Nicole Castellanos  
Chris Stanyer  
Nicole Strukhoff  
Sherry Watkins

Staff/Guests

Tisha Cannizzo  
Amanda Duncan  
George Marko  
Chad Pettera  
Wendi Stark  
Janet Sutton