



Workforce Alliance Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Program Operations and Performance (POP) Committee assembled virtually via Zoom. Co-Chair Tony Naylor welcomed Committee members, asked for introductions and called the meeting to order.

2. Workforce Center Operations Update

The One-Stop Operator duties transition, Wichita Workforce Center operations and Request For Proposals (RFP) for the Workforce Center Leased Space were discussed.

Angela Slattery began her role as One-Stop Operator on January 5, 2026. Her first few weeks will include training, shadowing, and learning about the workforce development system.

An in-service for all staff was conducted on October 13, 2025. The day focused on a variety of topics including time management, office etiquette, success stories, generations in the workplace, strategic planning, and phishing. The next staff in-service is scheduled for February 16, 2026.

The Workforce Centers continue to operate under the process of requesting proof of Work Authorization documentation from customers seeking staff assisted services, but are not turning customers away if they do not have the documentation with them.

Traffic numbers for October were discussed, showing an increase compared to the previous year, driven by job fairs and youth employment program activities.

Chad Pettera provided an update on the Wichita Workforce Center Lease RFP. A taskforce of WA Board members and staff were appointed to review five proposals. Upon completion of the evaluation process, proposals were ranked and staff negotiated with the highest-ranked proposer, the landlord of the current location at 2021 N. Amidon. Facility updates have been requested to include security upgrades and space modifications. Staff will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to approve the new lease at their meeting on January 14, 2026. The current lease continues until June 30, 2026, with plans to consolidate Wichita staff from the Garvey location to the Workforce Center by spring or early summer.

Report was received and filed.

3. Workforce Pell

Janet Sutton provided an update on the new Workforce Pell Grant. In 2025, legislation was adopted that included changes to the Federal Pell Grant Program to allow students to use Pell Grant funds to access short-term high-quality eligible workforce programs that will increase their skills and ultimately lead to in-demand, high-wage jobs. The program is set to start on July 1, 2026, and could have an impact on how Local Workforce Boards implement Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding. The state of Kansas is organizing a work group to include representatives from Local Workforce Boards, the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Board of Regents to analyze Workforce Pell and its potential impact. Final regulations are currently being negotiated on the federal level and an outline of the program requirements and student eligibility were provided to Committee members. Staff noted that details are still being worked out and the program may require changes to existing training programs to meet the new requirements. Staff will provide updates to the committee on the program as it evolves.

Report was received and filed.

4. WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth Program Performance for Program Year 2025 (PY25)

Denise Houston presented an update on WIOA performance reporting for PY25. Performance charts were reviewed with Committee members. Of note, the Wagner-Peyser program performance had more measures not being met than in past years. This may be due to the significant increases in goals from

federal negotiations with the State over the last two years and some trends staff are seeing across all program areas. At this point in the program year, Local Area IV performance is in line with State. The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) performance was impacted due to the government shutdown and no enrollments could be taken.

Staff completed a review and analysis of the Program Year 2024 performance measures in which the sanction level was not met in Local Area IV for the following performance measures: Adult Credential Rate, Dislocated Worker (DW) Credential Rate, and DW Measurable Skills Gain. After review and analysis, staff identified some issues as contributing factors and although not mandated to by the State, proposed an internal corrective action plan.

Marcus Curran (Justin Albert) moved to approve the internal corrective action plan for performance measures Adult Credential Rate, Dislocated Worker (DW) Credential Rate, and DW Measurable Skills Gain. Motion adopted.

5. Additions to the Eligible Training Provider (ETP) List

Janet Sutton presented 17 new training programs from MedCertify.com for additions to the ETP list. MedCertify.com offers online learning with on-demand lectures, learning labs, and opportunities to interact with live subject matter experts. Many, if not all programs include a fee for certification testing. Most of the occupations associated with the training programs exceed the current self-sufficient wage with the exception of Business Administration and show projected growth in our area with the exception of Business Administration and Associate HR Professional. The list is state-wide, and the policy governing it does not require programs to meet a wage requirement nor appear on Demand Occupation lists within all or any local areas. While a program may qualify for training funds in other local areas of Kansas, a program would have to be on the Demand Occupation List and meet self-sufficient wage standards for Local Area IV before it would be eligible for training funds in this Local Area.

Marcus Curran (Erica Ramos) moved to approve the initial programs as presented. Motion adopted.

6. Consent Agenda

Meeting minutes from November 6, 2025 were presented for review and approval.

Marcus Curran (Justin Albert) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion adopted.

7. Announcements

- The One Workforce Grant ends this month and was highly successful in providing training funds for those interested in Advanced Manufacturing and IT/data related fields. The grant had a significant impact on the area's workforce development efforts. A final report including a breakdown of employer participation and training dollars invested will be available next month and be submitted to the Department of Labor.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Present Committee Members

Tony Naylor, Co-Chair

Justin Albert

Marcus Curran

Erica Ramos

Staff/Guests

Amanda Duncan

Denise Houston

Keith Lawing

Shirley Lindhorst

Chad Pettera

Janet Sutton

Tyrone Baker, YMCA

Brian Miles, Bank of America

Angela Slattery, Goodwill

Stephanie Stovall, Youth Horizons