



Workforce Alliance
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
ZOOM Only
May 8, 2024 – 11:30 AM

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Workforce Alliance (WA) Executive Committee met virtually on May 8, 2024 via ZOOM. Vice Chair Alana McNary welcomed Committee members and called the meeting to order.

2. **Workforce Center Services One Stop Services Integration Policy**

The WA is finalizing the partnership agreement for One Stop Operator services with Goodwill beginning July 1, 2024, and a part of the transition process is to update the Local Area IV (LAIV) Workforce Center Services One Stop Services Integration Policy.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) guides the workforce system to increase program collaboration at the federal, state, and local level to ultimately integrate all available programs and services to job seekers and businesses through American Job Centers (AJC). Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) oversee and operate the workforce centers in each of the local areas in the state, including the integration of programs under the “One-Stop” model. The WA first adopted a customer service integration policy for one-stop workforce center operations in 2007. From 2006 to 2016, the WA was granted a waiver from the Governor to serve as the One-Stop Operator (OSO) in LAIV. The passage of WIOA in 2014 limited the ability of LWDB to serve as the OSO, and the WA entered into a contract with Eckerd Connects in 2016 and now Goodwill in 2024.

This is not a new policy as the WA has operated in an integrated service model for many years; therefore, these are some updates to that policy. Staff had planned to update the policy a few years ago; however, the pandemic delayed this process. With Goodwill coming in as a new one stop operator, staff feel it is an appropriate time for this update. The policy addresses the overlapping duties and responsibilities across the various workforce programs that operate out of the workforce center and strives for them to function together as a more singular unit. This policy lays out that process and includes some language that addresses levels of responsibilities and the supervisory partnerships. The organization needs to continue to evolve how services are delivered so ideally, this policy provides staff the ability to continue to do that.

The draft policy was sent to Committee members prior to the meeting for review and comment. The draft will be shared with all WA Workforce Center and community partners and posted through all WA social media tools. The WA will accept public comments on the policy from May 9, 2024 to June 10, 2024. The draft policy and all comments received will be presented at the June 12, 2024 WA Executive Committee meeting. The final policy will be presented for adoption to the WA Board at the July 24, 2024 meeting.

Gabe Schlickau (Michele Gifford) moved to approve the draft Local Area IV Workforce Centers One Stop Services Integration Policy for release for public review and comment from May 9 to June 10, and share comments received with the WA Executive Committee at next meeting. Motion adopted.



3. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of meeting minutes for April 10, 2024 and an on-the-job training (OJT) contract for Textron Aviation for maintenance and paint apprentices were presented to the Committee for review and approval.

Pat Jonas (Gabe Schlickau) moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Michele Gifford, Textron Aviation abstained from the vote. Motion adopted.

4. **Announcements**

The WA's Home Base Wichita program will host a Military Appreciation Day Breakfast on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:30 AM at Riverfront Stadium. The event is in honor of National Military Appreciation Month - veterans, military spouses, and the successes of Home Base Wichita. Colonel Cory Damon, McConnell Air Force Base and Wichita Mayor Lily Wu will be speaking at the event. Board members are invited to attend.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 PM.

Attendees:

LWDB Executive Committee Members

Michele Gifford
Pat Jonas
Jeff Longwell
Alana McNary
Gabe Schlickau

Staff/Guests

Amanda Duncan
Denise Houston
Keith Lawing
Shirley Lindhorst
Chad Pettera
Janet Sutton
Erica Ramos, Kansas Dept. of Commerce