

North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board – Meeting Minutes 9-12-18

The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened for its quarterly meeting on September 12, 2018 at the University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chair Pam Williams.

Members in attendance included: Pam Williams, Keith McClanahan, Angela Ryland, Kay Price, Jada Ragland, Regina Burkett, Denise Wilson, Darline Tucker, Garry Lawrence, Gayle Cooper, Jean Pace. Proxy votes were submitted by Alvin Hearyman, Ben Baxter, Dara Samuel, Pat Dunagan and Micah Woods. A quorum was declared.

Others in attendance were Trina Wallis from ARS; from WRPDD/WIOA were Kellee Robinson, Vanessa Rodriguez, Liz Smith, Lynn Poff, Byron Southerland, Ronda Ivy, Jan Smith, Wendy Howard, Greg Miller, Mitzi Hargan, Carrie McIntosh, Donetta Bradford, Angela Goodwin and Karla Rush.

After introductions of Mammoth Spring Mayor Jean Pace and new WIOA One-Stop Manager Liz Smith, minutes from the June 2018 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion from Garry Lawrence and second by Keith McClanahan.

Byron Southerland gave a financial report including one-stop budget expenditures at \$59,854.27 and Angela Goodwin discussed the efforts to increase approved training providers & programs for North Central WIOA. Goodwin presented a report including 347 training programs and with motion from Darline Tucker and second by Gayle Cooper, this update was approved.

The next agenda item was presented by Karla Rush. Ms. Rush discussed the updated local plan and the importance of Department of Labor performance measures. Upon motion by Keith McClanahan and a second by Gayle Cooper, the board unanimously approved updates for the local plan.

Program updates were provided by Liz Smith on one-stop operations, by Goodwin on NEG participation and core partners by Rush. Donetta Bradford reported the current participant number of 143 and encouraged referrals for out-of-school youth to the WIOA offices.

Bradford also demonstrated the new soft skills video programs available online and discussed various ways WIOA plans to incorporate them into services to participants.

With no other business, the board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved: *Pam Williams*

Date: *December 12, 2018*