

**North Central Arkansas  
Workforce Development Board  
June 10, 2020  
Minutes**

The North Central Arkansas Workforce Development Board convened through electronic means on June 10, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was conducted remotely utilizing Zoom and teleconference. Vice-Chair Garry Lawrence presided with the following members voicing their presence: Pat Dunegan, Ben Baxter, Chris Lorch, Jamie Rayford, Regina Burkett, and Sherry Organ.

Others Present: Wendy Howard, Angela Goodwin, Bree DeShazo, Elizabeth Smith, Jan Smith, Byron Southerland, and Tamika Speed.

Board Vice-Chair Garry Lawrence called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After several minutes, Vice-Chair Lawrence declared the lack of a quorum. It was determined that the discussion items will be presented, but that no approval can be obtained.

Vice-Chair Lawrence asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the March minutes. After hearing no response, Mr. Lawrence moved to the next agenda item.

Mr. Lawrence invited Mr. Byron Southerland to present the financial report. Mr. Southerland presented a detailed spending report. He explained that all funds that are due to expire in June of this year will be expended before the grant end date.

Mr. Southerland then presented historical data of funds received by North Central WIOA. He explained how grant amounts of the PY20 funds compared to funds received in previous years. Mr. Southerland asked if there were any questions. Ben Baxter asked if there would be adult funding available for new participants in July. Mr. Southerland explained how that is still under review. Ms. Elizabeth Smith explained that only a small piece of the funding is issued in July but that the larger piece of the funding is not received until October.

Elizabeth Smith then discussed the One-Stop/Partner update. She discussed that Dr. Chris Lorch has volunteered to take on the task for the board for the One-Stop procurement.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the next agenda item was updates to officers and committees. Ms. Elizabeth Smith stated that the officer and committee rosters cannot be updated without a quorum.

Vice-Chair Lawrence then introduced the next agenda item, program updates. Tamika Speed presented a program report. She stated there are currently 190 WIOA participants in North Central. 114 Adults, 13 ISY, 59 OSY, 4 DLW. Of those, 22 were in work experience. Due to the closures surrounding COVID-19, work was suspended for 13 participants. Out of those 13, 7 have resumed their work experience and 6 were not yet able to return to work.

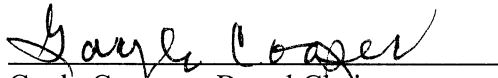
Ms. Elizabeth Smith explained that those who were not able to work due to COVID-19 were eligible for work experience payments to cover lost wages as long as they did not receive unemployment to cover that time. She said there were four participants that have received the pay.

Vice Chair Lawrence asked Ms. Angela Goodwin to discuss the next item, local plan updates. Ms. Goodwin said that there will be no approval due to lack of quorum. She asked if there were any questions or comments. Ben Baxter asked if the supportive services will remain at \$4,000. Ms.

Goodwin responded that it remains at a \$4,000 maximum per individual. Ms. Elizabeth Smith explained that there are supportive services policy updates planned to make more support available,

The next agenda item was success story. However, due to COVID-19, there was no participant present to speak.

Hearing no response after asking if there was other business, Vice-Chair Lawrence thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting.



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Gayle Cooper – Board Chair  
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