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April 9, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Little Rock Workforce Center
5401 South University
Little Rock, Arkansas

Arkansas Workforce Development Board

TANF Oversight Committee



AGENDA

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ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TANF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00 am

Call to Order George Nunnally, Committee
Chair

Chairman's Comments George Nunnally, Committee
Chair

ACTION Item 1

Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Committee Meeting

Staff Report on TANF Program Activities

Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING DATES

Committees

Full Board

June 18, 2019

July 16, 2019

September 25, 2019

October 15, 2019

**For Consideration of the
Arkansas Workforce Development Board
TANF Oversight Committee**

April 9, 2019

AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the January 10, 2019 TANF Oversight Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: Minutes of the meetings are attached.

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MINUTES
ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Oversight Committee
January 10, 2019

A teleconference meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was conducted on January 10, 2019. Accommodations were set up for an in-person attendance at the Little Rock Workforce Center, 5401 South University Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman George Nunnally presided with the following members confirming attendance through roll call: Mr. Thomas Anderson, Mr. Lindsay Brown, Judge Brandon Ellison, and Ms. Mary Franklin.

Commissioner Johnny Key, Mr. Robert Thorne and Director Daryl Bassett were unable to attend.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Nunnally called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the September 10, 2018 – Committee Meeting: Chair Nunnally proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes.

Hearing none, **a motion to approve the September 10, 2018, minutes were approved on a motion by Lindsay Brown, seconded by Judge Brandon Ellison, each board member voiced their individual vote in favor, and carried unanimously with no revisions.**

Agenda Item 2 – Implementation of the TANF Career Connect Subsidized Employment Initiative: Chair Nunnally recognized Mr. Derwin Taylor, TANF Policy Unit, to give a report on the Implementation of the TANF Subsidized Employment Initiative. Mr. Taylor began with an overview of the new TEA Initiative, called TANF Career Connect Subsidized Employment Program (TCCSEP). The TCCSEP will begin in Mississippi, Craighead, St. Francis and Phillips County. The benefits for the employers through the initiative begin with 100% wages paid by TANF for the first month, 50% paid the next five months, and if the employer continues to employ the participant for an additional six months, the employer will be reimbursed for the remainder of the wages.

The outcome of this program is that participants will be working full-time and receive job mentoring and job coaching. ADWS will reimburse a minimum of \$10.00 per hour, 40 hours per week. Participants must be an Arkansas resident and have a child under the age of 18. Participants are required to work a minimum of 35 hours a week and be at/or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Report on TANF Program Activities: Chair Nunnally recognized Mr. Phil Harris to provide an update on TANF Program Activities. Mr. Harris began by thanking the committee for their continued support, leadership, and commitment to the TANF program and this committee. Mr. Harris provided federal updates of the government shutdown and the impact upon TANF. Funding for TANF expired on December 21, 2018, when the short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) ended. There was not a new CR implemented, no additional funding is available to TANF, until a new Legislation is passed. TANF has received 1st Quarter allocations. TANF is utilizing Carry-Forward Funding, in accordance to the TANF Regulations to continue operations.

Mr. Harris proceeded to provide State Updates to committee members. Mr. Harris stated there is no State Legislation affecting TANF this Legislation Session, thus far.

Mr. Harris informed committee members about the Arkansas Better Dad's/Fatherhood Initiative. This initiative focuses on non-custodial and custodial fathers. TANF is collaborating with a statewide faith based organization to implement this program. This program began in November 2018.

He provided information about the Child Abuse Hot Line – Department of Human Services (DHS) Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) with Arkansas State Police (ASP). TANF provides over \$300,000 in additional funding through the DHS emergency assessment awarded to the ASP for the assistance of maltreatment of children and focuses on investigating those call the Hot Line.

Mr. Harris spoke about the FIRST Robotics Initiative - STEM related, collaborated with Department of Education (DOE) to expose the youth located in the Delta where they can compete statewide, regionally and nationally in Robotic Competitions. TANF also provides funding to this program.

Finally, Mr. Harris informed the committee members of \$75,000 that is provided to Our House. Our House assist those individuals who are homeless or in danger of being homeless.

Chair Nunnally thanked Mr. Harris for keeping the committee informed and doing an excellent job in moving the TANF program forward in helping the citizens of Arkansas.

Announcements: Chair Nunnally informed the committee that the AWDB will be welcoming Governor Hutchinson to speak on January 24, 2019, 10:00 am at the Crown Plaza in Little Rock, Arkansas. A Board Orientation Training Session is scheduled that day for the full board to attend, which will be conducted by Claudia Griffin.

Mr. Nunnally reminded committee members the Financial Disclosure Statement for 2018 must be filed for the AWDB. The disclosure statements will need to be filed by January 31, 2019, with the Secretary of State.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair George Nunnally at 9:33 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. Lindsay Brown, seconded by Judge Brandon Ellison, with none opposed.

George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Investment
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