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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**October 10,  
2017  
10:00 a.m.**

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
201 S. Shackleford Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas

# **Arkansas Workforce Development Board**

## **TANF Oversight Committee**



# AGENDA

October 10, 2017

## ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD TANF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 A.M.

Call to Order..... Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

Chairman’s Comments..... Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

### **ACTION Item 1:**

Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Committee Meeting

Staff Report on TANF Program Activities .....Phil Harris

Announcements

Adjournment

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

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|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-----|
| January 9, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. | Committees         | TBD |
|                 | 1:00 p.m.  | Full Board Meeting | TBD |
| April 10, 2018  | 10:00 a.m. | Committees         | TBD |
|                 | 1:00 p.m.  | Full Board Meeting | TBD |

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**For Consideration of the  
Arkansas Workforce Development Board  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Oversight Committee**

**October 10, 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION:** Minutes of July 11, 2017 TANF Oversight Committee Meeting

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 committee meeting.

**INFORMATION/RATIONALE:** Minutes of the meeting are attached.

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**MINUTES**

**ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Oversight Committee**

**July 11, 2017**

A meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board's (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was held on July 11, 2017, at Crown Plaza Hotel, 201 S. Shackleford Road in Little Rock, Arkansas. Chairman Thomas Anderson presided with the following members present: Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. George Nunnally, Mr. Lindsay Brown, Ms. Michelle Griffin (proxy for Johnny Key), and Mr. Robert Thorne. Mr. Daryl Bassett and Ms. Mary Franklin were unable to attend.

Chairman's Comments: Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Minutes of the April 11, 2017, Committee Meeting: Chair Anderson proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes were approved on **a motion by Mr. Lindsay Brown, seconded by Mr. Robert Thorne and carried unanimously.**

The committee heard an update on the implementation of requirements in Act 1205 of 2015 from Mr. Phil Harris, Assistant Director for TANF Programs. The committee reviewed the new drug-screening and drug-testing program for TANF customers, as required by state law. The committee reviewed updated year-to-date statistical data for the TANF Drug Screening and Testing program.

An update on enrollment in the TANF program was provided by Mr. Harris. He also discussed partnership opportunities with community-based organizations and school districts to reach the homeless populations and other untapped populations in Arkansas.

Mr. Harris provided an update on TANF efforts to address barriers to employment for the most vulnerable families in Arkansas. The Department of Human Services was granted permission to co-locate in seventeen offices statewide in an effort to provide better accessibility and to streamline services.

Mr. Harris also updated the committee on the efforts to increase the TANF eligibility threshold for income qualifications and monetary monthly stipends. These increases would improve TANF performance and provide access to services to more at-risk families. He stated that policy and system development changes are needed in order to accomplish this goal.

The committee heard an update on the implementation and roll out of ARWINS, an integrated system that streamlines eligibility processes from the Department of Human Services and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. The ARWINS system is officially in production and is operating in three counties.

The committee received an update on an action plan item: MOA has been completed with Higher Education to create more work study and work-based learning opportunities. These opportunities will

assist Career Pathways participants, categorized as the working poor, providing them with more tools to become successful while enhancing the TANF portfolio.

Announcements: Chair Anderson stated that the next meeting of the TANF Oversight Committee will be at 10:00 am, October 10, 2017, followed by a regular quarterly meeting of the full board at 1:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be announced by staff at a later date.

Adjourn: Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. on **a motion made by Mr. Lindsay Brown and carried unanimously.**

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Thomas Anderson, Committee Chair

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Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Investment  
Department of Workforce Services

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