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January 7, 2020

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

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order..... George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Chairman's Comments..... George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Agenda Item 1: ACTION

Minutes of the September 25, 2019, Committee Meeting..... George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Report on TANF Program Activities..... Phil Harris
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

Agenda Item 2: INFORMATIONAL

Review of the 2020-23 TANF Specific-Section- WIOA State Plan..... Derwin Taylor
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

Announcements

Adjournment

**For Consideration of the
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AGENDA ITEM 1 – ACTION: Minutes of the September 25, 2019 TANF Oversight Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the TANF Oversight Committee approve the minutes of the September 25, 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
September 25, 2019

A teleconference meeting of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) TANF Oversight Committee was conducted on September 25, 2019, and accommodations were set up for an in-person attendance at the Little Rock Workforce Center, 5401 South University Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas. Committee Chair George Nunnally presided with the following members confirming attendance through roll call: Mr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. Charisse Childers by proxy Ms. DeeVee Pearson and Mr. Robert Thorne (9:12). Other board members present were Dr. Maria Markham by proxy Ms. Ann Clemmer.

Mr. Lindsay Brown, Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. Johnny Keys and Ms. Mary Franklin were unable to attend.

Recognizing a quorum, Committee Chair George Nunnally called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Chairperson Comments: Committee Chair George Nunnally reminded members to identify themselves by stating their name when making a comment, making a motion, or providing a second to a motion after roll call due to the meeting being a teleconference.

Agenda Item 1 – ACTION - Minutes of the April 9, 2019, and June 18, 2019, Committee Meetings: Chair Nunnally proceeded to Agenda Item 1, asking if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the committee meetings for April 9, 2019 and June 18, 2019. Chair Nunnally requested a name correction in the April 9, 2019, minutes from Mr. Joe Wallace to Mr. Joe Rollins.

Hearing no additional revisions, a motion to approve the April 9, 2019 as corrected with the name change and the June 18, 2019, committee minutes as presented, were approved on a motion by Mr. Tom Anderson, seconded by Mr. Robert Thorne. Board members Mr. Tom Anderson, Dr. Charisse Childers by proxy Ms. DeeVee Pearson, Mr. Robert Thorne each voiced their individual vote in favor with no revisions and carried unanimously.

Report on TANF Program Activities: Chair Nunnally recognized Mr. Phil Harris to provide an update on TANF Program Activities starting with information from the Summit in Washington D.C. TANF is proposing a two-year re-authorization and a significant increase and focus on education and training.

Hearing no questions, Mr. Harris proceeded to introduce Mr. Ben Goodwin of the homeless shelter Our House in Little Rock. Mr. Goodwin informed Committee Members of the services and partnerships the organization has in the community to offer participants. Additionally, he introduced participant Yolanda Tisdale of the partnership between ADWS and Our House. The participant spoke to the committee about how the program has assisted her and her family in changing their lives.

Mr. Harris presented the committee with a video from the TANF supported Fatherhood initiative Arkansas Better Dads. Of those 350+ attending, 127 accepted and completed the Better Dad challenge from the Summit held in June. The initiative is in 23 counties with 46 trainings either in completion or in the process of completion.

The committee also heard from Career Pathways Initiative counselor Ms. Shawndus Gregory who introduced a Career Pathways Initiative student Ms. Connie Welton. Ms. Welton thanked the committee for the program and proceeded to describe the success she has achieved through the help of this initiative.

Announcements: Chair Nunnally thanked the participants for sharing their success stories and wished them well. Chair Nunnally also thanked Mr. Harris and asked the committee members for any other business.

Chair Nunnally informed committee members of a new center opening in Benton county on September 20, 2019. The Western Benton County Career Center provides more opportunities for the area in automotive as a result of a partnership with NTI and Gravite.

Hearing no additional business, Chair Nunnally informed committee members of the next TANF committee meeting on January 7, 2020. Members may attend by teleconference or in person at the Little Rock Workforce Center located at 5401 University. The Full Board meeting will be held on October 15, 2019, at Crowne Plaza, 201 South Shackelford in Little Rock at 10:00 a.m. The Full Board meeting will be followed by lunch.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. by Chair George Nunnally, upon **a motion by Mr. Robert Thorne, seconded by Dr. Charisse Childers by proxy Ms. DeeVee Pearson, with none opposed.**

George Nunnally, Committee Chair

Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Investment
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

*Minutes by Rebecca Edwards
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services*

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AGENDA ITEM 2 – INFORMATIONAL: WIOA PY2020-2023 State Plan Public Comment Draft – TANF-Specific Sections.

INFORMATION/RATIONALE: States are required by U. S. Department of Labor under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to review, update, and submit their state plan to reflect the progress in the on-going implementation of WIOA.

In accordance with State Law, the TANF Oversight Committee of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board provides oversight of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and ensures that all program participants are receiving the assistance, information, and the services needed to help these low-income parents prepare for and connect with employment that will lead to a self-sufficient wage.

The current draft of the PY2020-2023 WIOA State Plan may be found at:

<https://www.dws.arkansas.gov/news-info/adws-public-notice-news-release/>