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Governor

Jamie Link
Education and Labor Cabinet Secretary

Executive Committee

Minutes
September 12th, 2025
9:30 am – 10:30am (EST)

Attendees:

Katie Wolf Whaley, Jeff White, and Tal Curry

Members Absent:

Merry Reid Sheffer, Morgan Turner, and Amanda Owen

Staff Attendees:

Nanci Howard, Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator, Anu Kumari, Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrative Specialist Senior

Welcome:

Employment First Council Chair Katie Wolf Whaley welcomed attendees and officially called the meeting to order.

Annual Report Update and Discussion:

The Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator, Nanci Howard, provided an update on the progression of the report. The following suggestions were made to the annual report by present committee members.

- The mission statement was included in the memorandum section.
- Table of Contents will be updated when final draft is ready for Cabinet review.
- The letter from the chair section will be included at a later date.
- Order of Selection numbers will be updated prior to submission to the Cabinet.
- Jeff White will double check the language regarding the 1915c Home and Community Based Waiver regulatory recommendations and the draft MOU language.
- More information was added to the benefits' trainings in conjunction with Project NEON as well as KY RETAIN.
- Check on MOU information.
- ISAW also receives DBHDID funding was included.

The committee convened and agreed to work on the annual report and report back to discuss the progress on September 18th.

Public Comment:

No public comment addressed.

Adjournment:

Employment First Council Chair Katie Wolf Whaley thanked everyone for their contribution and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 3:00pm to 4:00pm (EST)

Administrator: Nanci Howard

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