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Transition Committee **Minutes**

May 2, 2023
01:00pm – 02:00pm
Zoom
Meeting ID: 879 1162 7365

Members Present: Chair, Jessica Beaven, Co-Chair, Frankie Huffman, Johnny Callebs, Jason Wheatly on behalf of Gretta Hylton, Tal Curry, Diana Merzweiler

Members Absent: Todd Coffey, Anette Jett, Gretta Hylton, Robert ‘Larry’ Taylor

Staff Present: Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (KYOVR) Administrator, Nanci Howard, KYOVR Administrative Specialist, Pepper Caudill, KYOVR Assistant Director, Jonathan White

Staff Absent: KYOVR Manager, Veronica Dale

Guest(s) Present: Justin Jeter, Executive Director of Elevate, Julie Wischer, Director of Employment Services focusing on the department of long-term success of supported employment consumers, Amber Johnson

Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review:

Administrator, Nanci Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned over to Chair, Jessica Beaven for Chair report. Chair, Jessica Beaven opened the meeting by allowing brief introductions of members and guests in attendance.

Chair Report:

Chair, Jessica Beaven called for a motion to approve April 3rd Minutes. Member, Johnny Callebs made the motion to approve the April 3rd Minutes and a second was provided by Co-Chair, Frankie Huffman. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was then turned over to guests, Julie Wischer and Amber Jonson who gave a presentation regarding supported employment and transitional barriers to employment. There was discussion amongst the members and guests regarding the information shared during the presentation. Member, Frankie Huffman requested that Administrator, Nanci Howard share his contact information with the guests in attendance so that he may share with them information regarding transportation, after the meeting. There was further discussion held amongst members and guests regarding the presentation. Member, Frankie Huffman asked if the Work Opportunity Tax Credit information could be made more readily available for consumers and businesses to access. There was discussion regarding

incentivizing this process for employers. The presentation concluded and Chair, Jessica Beaven thanked the guests for their time.

Subcommittee Discussion:

Chair, Jessica Beaven began discussions of a Virtual Hiring/Education Event. There was mention of “getting away from the Facebook page” as it is something that is already in existence through collaborating agencies. There was discussion amongst the committee regarding overlap of work and the need to steer away from too much overlap. Chair, Jessica mentioned her intent to secure additional speakers for next month’s meeting and the possibility of reaching out to the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. She also made mention of an annual event that the Chamber hosts and the possibility of this committee sponsoring a booth where members could hand out flyers and provide presence and transition information to the public. Administrator Nanci Howard presented an idea to host a Virtual Transition Fair, sponsored by the Employment First Council. She mentioned SHRM, KY Chamber of Commerce, the local school system(s), KYOVR Staff, Employment First Council members, etc., could be in attendance of the virtual fair. There was further discussion held amongst committee members regarding incentivizing the virtual fair versus attending events already in progress. Chair, Jessica Beaven stated that she would research upcoming events at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce as well as securing a speaker(s) for the next meeting.

Future areas of focus:

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- Member, Frankie Huffman asked if the Work Opportunity Tax Credit information could be made more readily available for consumers and businesses to access. There was discussion regarding incentivizing this process for employers.
- Virtual Hiring/Education Fair

Action Items: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Chair, Jessica Beaven called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Co-Chair, Frankie Huffman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member, Tal Curry provided a second. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date:

TBD

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