



Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022

Attendees

EKCEP BOD's Members

Catrina Vargo
Christine Gregory
Terry Adams
Tim Bingham
Shane Gabbard -Chairperson
Bishop Johnson
Chuck Caudill
Judy Roark
Jamie Brunk
Mark McKenzie
Gilbert Holland
Luther Blanton

EKCEP Staff

Jeff Whitehead – Executive Director
Ernie Weems
Kim Albright
Trish Adams
Sharon Poff
Bridget Back
Tonya Collins
Michael Cornett

GUESTS

Bonnie Conn	Ali Hill
Allison Brown	Mona Whitaker
Donna Pace	Wendy Crain-Lawson
Beth Spencer	Robin Whitaker

Minutes

The Eastern Kentucky CEP Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting on September 13, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Chair of the EKCEP BOD's, Shane Gabbard called the meeting to order. Shane Gabbard asked for the roll call. The roll call resulted in a quorum and the meeting began.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Shane Gabbard asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Chuck Caudill made the motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tim Bingham. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Approval of EKCEP BOD Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Shane Gabbard asked for a motion to approve EKCEP BOD Executive Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2022. Tim Bingham made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams. All voted in favor, none opposed.

EKY FLOOD Grant Update

Jeff Whitehead, EKCEP Executive Director discussed the Disaster Grant and flood situation in Eastern Kentucky. EKCEP has received a disaster grant to assist in the flood cleanup and humanitarian aid. Currently we have 415 participants enrolled to work under this grant and 153 have been deemed eligible and entered into our system. EKCEP is working with employers, agencies and participants under this grant.

Jeff Whitehead also told the group that EKCEP is exploring work-based training to allow folks to learn needed skills from skilled tradesmen.

Shane Gabbard thanked Jeff Whitehead and EKCEP for their work during this disaster.

Chuck Caudill asked how do local folks get in touch with this program. Jeff Whitehead discussed the EKCEP online portal and the open enrollment events and also the local WIOA offices could assist anyone who is interested in applying.

Ad Hoc Committee on Hold

Jeff Whitehead discussed the Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to look at possible changes in the way we deliver services to employers and job seekers. Jeff Whitehead told the group that this committee is still vitally important, but due to flooding and the importance of the disaster grant we need to "step back". At this time, the committee is not cancelled, but placed on hold.

Jeff Whitehead said the State came out with draft polices that we are exploring pertaining to training limitations and spending limitations that highlights the importance of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Program Updates

Jeff Whitehead provided an update on the SITE (Strategic Initiative for Transformational Employment) program, the ERN (Employer Resource Network) program, IPS (Individual Placement and Support) program, and our Youth Program.

Questions

Jeff Whitehead asked for any questions from the attendees. Trish Adams, EKCEP Agency Ambassador Boards and Liaison stated the June 2022 EKCEP BOD meeting minutes needed to be approved. Chuck Caudill made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Terry Adams. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Jeff Whitehead informed the group that Owen Grise retired from EKCEP last month. Owen had worked for 25 years with EKCEP.

Terry Adams thanked EKCEP for their work in our region.

Meeting Adjourned

Chuck Caudill asked for a motion to adjourn.