

MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Committee on November 14, 2024

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Type: Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund Steering Committee
Date: July 24, 2024
Time: 1 p.m. EST
Location: CPE Office, 100 Airport Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601

CALL TO ORDER

The Healthcare Workforce Investment Fund (HWIF) Steering Committee met July 24, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. ET. The meeting occurred at the CPE Office's Boardroom, 100 Airport Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Chair LaDonna Rogers presided.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were in attendance: Beth Brinly, Tim Gaillard, JP Hamm, Michael Muscarella, Vestena Robbins, Ladonna Rogers, Kelli Selvage, and Beth Shafer. The following members did not attend: Mason Dyer and Cliff Maesaka.

Ms. Michaela Mineer, CPE Senior Associate for Healthcare Workforce Initiatives, served as recorder of the minutes.

REVIEW OF MOCK HWIF PROPOSAL

Prior to the meeting, committee members reviewed a mock HWIF partnership proposal and provided their scores. The committee members shared their feedback on the mock proposal and reasoning for their selected scores.

OVERVIEW OF THE HWIF PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

Ms. Mineer walked the committee through how the HWIF partnership proposal evaluation process will take place, including the timeline, how documents will be stored in OnBoard, and the fillable PDF evaluation form.

ADVISER PRESENTATION

Phillip Ferguson and Scott Helle from the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services presented an in-depth overview of Kentucky's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) landscape, highlighting the critical roles EMS providers play in community health and safety. They discussed the educational pathways for EMS certification, including the progression from basic life support (BLS) to advanced life support (ALS) levels and the various programs

available, from short certificate courses to degree programs.

The presentation underscored the challenges of EMS workforce shortages, particularly in rural areas where "paramedic deserts" existed due to limited access to accredited training programs. Barriers such as distance, cost, and scheduling issues were emphasized, along with survey results that showed significant interest in advanced paramedic credentials among current EMS workers. Proposed solutions included expanding rural satellite programs, securing funding for scholarships, and developing supportive externship opportunities. The presentation concluded with future goals aimed at boosting recruitment, retention, and training accessibility to strengthen Kentucky's EMS workforce.

FUTURE MEETINGS & CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Mineer provided closing remarks and reminded the committee that she will send all documents to review for the HWIF partnership proposals on August 16, 2024.

The next meeting will on September 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. EST, at the CPE office in Frankfort, Kentucky.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. EST.

