

February 23, 2017
LRWDB Executive Director's Report
W.J. Monagle

I. Important Accomplishments and Notices

- *On 1/20/17 the LRWDB executive director was informed by the American Councils for International Education that the youth proposal submitted by Seymour Valiyev, the Professional Fellow from Azerbaijan hosted by LRWDB, was approved and Mr. Monagle will travel to Azerbaijan in May 2017 to meet with locally elected officials, dignitaries and project directors to initiate it.
- On 3/1/17 the LRWDB will meet with the ADWS division manager to discuss amendments to the transitional local plan and guidance upon developing it into a 4-year local plan due to be in place by 7/1/17 as directed by DOL.

II. Outreach, Training and Attendance

- *On 1/30/17 Mayor Stodola, the LRWDB executive director and EITC Coalition community partners announced the annual "Super Saturday" event on 2/4/17. An underpowered WiFi and malfunctioning tax software reduced returns filed to 163
- On 2/2/17 the LRWDB hosted with the HRMA a workshop, "Workforce Readiness: Advanced Manufacturing." Three LRWDB members and 28 Human Resource and business professionals attended.
- On 2/13/17 the LRWDB executive director attended the ASU STEM Summit reception sponsored through the AR Out-of-School Network
- *On 2/6/17 Arbor YouthBuild staff began its two-week "Mental Toughness" session to recruit, orient and enroll participants in the newest 2016 YB grant.
- On 2/13/17 The LRWDB executive director and Arbor staff attended the MedLinc CNA graduation ceremony at AR Children's Hospital for 3 students.
- On 2/13/17 Arbor staff conducted the PROMISE Grant Parents Meeting to give participants a workshop on money/budgeting. Job coaches were also showcased.
- On 2/15/17 The LRWDB executive director, two board members, and Arbor staff attended the Apprenticeship Workshop for Central and LR Workforce Development Areas sponsored by AR Apprenticeship Coalition and ADWS.
- *On 2/18-19/17 the LRWDB hosted the annual conference of AR United Communities Coalition which works at the grassroots and legislative levels on behalf of the Latino population. The coalition honored the LRWDB executive director with a Change Champion award for his support of the organization.

III. Budget and Financials

IV. Next Steps –

- The next meeting of the full LRWDB will be April 27, 2017.
- On 3/2-3/17 the LRWDB and Arbor staff will attend the WIOA Partners Conference in Hot Springs, AR – presenting on the YouthBuild Grant.
- On 3/10/17 the LRWDB will issue its RFP for new logo design.
- On 3/17/17 the LRWDB will issue its RFP for new website design and hosting.
- On 3/17/17 the LRWDB will issue its RFP for One-Stop Programs & Operations.