

June 22, 2017  
LRWDB Executive Director's Report  
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I. Important Accomplishments and Notices

- During 5/26-6/17/17 the LRWDB Logo Review Committees made its final decisions on the new Logo Design and will present it at today's meeting.
- On 4/27/17 the LRWDB led a joint application for a 3-year, \$1.5M Reentry Grant from DOL in partnership with ResCare, Our House, and Goodwill AR.
- Arbor/ResCare Project Director Farrah Hammond is leaving on 6/22/17 for Alabama. In a little over four years as project director, she has led her team to ever higher successes, culminating in exceeding the 9 common measures for three years in a row. We'll miss all of that, but mostly we will miss her spirit.
- On 5/31/17 the ADWS announced the selection of Kristopher (Kris) Jones to replace Cindy Varner as the ADWS Assistant Director over WIOA.
- As of 6/20/17, no LWDA WIOA PY17 allocations have been announced. The budget presented to the LRWDB today is based upon January 2017 projections.

II. Outreach, Training and Attendance

- From 5/23-26/17 the LRWDB executive director hosted, Deasy Utamiyanti from Indonesia, another professional fellow of the US State Dept. program.
- On 5/24/17 Arbor staff conducted the BAT Meeting with Rebecca Edwards of ADWS Discretionary Grants providing updates as the guest speaker.
- On 5/25/17 the LRWDB executive director met with the staff and the board chairperson Tamara Walkingstick of the American Indian Center of Arkansas to discuss programs and opportunities for collaboration and partnership.
- On 6/6-9/17 the LRWDB executive director met with YouthBuild staff and UALR Construction Mgmt. professor Jim Carr to lead YouthBuild students through a hands-on bench building project.
- On 6/13/17 the LRWDB executive director and website project consultant met with GWL Digital, the new website design contractor, to review an initial draft of the new LRWDB website. We hope to have a demonstrable site by August.
- On 6/14/17 the LRWDB executive director joined three other radio panelist for an hour-long discussion of workforce development in AR on KABF 88.3 FM's "Speak-Up Arkansas" program, hosted by Paul Kelly.
- On 6/20/17 the LRWDB executive director and Arbor/ResCare's Project Director Farrah Hammond, attended the MedLinc, Inc.'s CNA graduation.

III. Budget and Financials – Financial Report this month for Full Board Meeting

IV. Next Steps –

- The next meeting of the full LRWDB will be August 24, 2017.
- Continue to develop new website.
- Create and develop new outreach materials with new logo.
- Develop WIOA Policy and Procedures.