

July 20, 2017
LRWDB Executive Director's Report
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I. Important Accomplishments and Notices

- On 6/22/17, ADWS announced the WIOA PY17 allocations. The decrease in allocation is \$141,000 below the PY16 level. The budget presented to the LRWDB today is based upon these updated figures and the PY16 carryover.
- On 6/27/17 the LRWDB was awarded a 3-year, \$1.24M Reentry Grant from DOL in partnership with ResCare, Our House, and Goodwill AR.
- On 7/13/17 the LRWDB CEO appointed Cindy Varner, Asst. Director of Goodwill Industries Arkansas, as a member of the LRWDB.
- On 7/11/17 the State Workforce Development Board accepted Little Rock's Local WIOA 4-year Transitional Plan

II. Outreach, Training and Attendance

- On 6/21/17 the LRWDB executive director and website project consultant met with GWL Digital to learn the company was reorganizing and would no longer design, build, host or support websites. In consult with the LRWDB attorney, procurement protocol led to negotiating a contract with 2nd place bidder Web International. We still hope to have a demonstrable site by the August meeting.
- On 6/27/17 the LRWDB executive director met with Jim Graham, a business developer from South Arkansas looking to support reentry programs with manufacturing jobs producing income-generating modular buildings.
- On 7/5/17 the LRWDB executive director met with the NLR SERTOMA Club and presented on the Reentry Grant, Azerbaijan and current workforce trends.
- On 7/6/17 the LRWDB executive director attended the ADWS One-Stop Center Certification workshop with CEO Mayor Mark Stodola Youth.
- On 7/10/17 the LRWDB executive director joined Chair Bryan Day and twelve other guests for a roundtable discussion with Congressman French Hill on the state of workforce development in the AR 2nd District.
- On 7/11/17 the LRWDB executive director attended meetings with Jericho Way Day-Drop-In Center; BMOST partners; and the AWDB Quarterly Meeting.
- On 7/13/17 the LRWDB executive director and Chair Bryan Day met with Mayor Stodola to discuss the Reentry Grant and press conference, memberships on the LRWDB and the continuation of leveraging funds to serve more people.
- On 7/17&18/17 the Youth Services and One-Stop Partners meetings took place

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.