

Governor's Council for Workforce and Economic Development
HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE
February 10, 2023

MEETING MINUTES 2/10/23

Welcome and Introductions

Steven Crawford opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. by welcoming the members and guests. He asked everyone to briefly introduce themselves.

Health & Resource Services Administration Presentation

Brittane' Grant introduced Amy Eden with Health & Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to deliver a presentation on their services and the work and resources they have provided to the Oklahoma healthcare industry.

On Monday, January 9th, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the award of nearly \$245 million in Bipartisan Safer Communities Act funding – \$185.7 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and nearly \$60 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – to support youth mental health, help the health care workforce address mental health needs, and fund other critical mental health supports. For more information, you can view the Press Release here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/01/09/hhs-awards-nearly-245-million-support-youth-mental-health-and-help-health-care-workforce-meet-families-mental-health-needs.html>.

Amy also provided the group with additional resources that are attached to the meeting minutes.

“Hands On” Career Exploration/Exposure Healthcare Industry Day

Bringing this idea from 2022, Brittane Grant leads the conversation of hosting a Healthcare Career Exploration/Exposure Day and presents it to the committee. Both co-chairs are in support and the idea was well received by the committee members. This event would serve to present our future workforce (grades 7-12) an opportunity to explore the possibilities of a career in healthcare. With the idea of having various disciplines such as hospitals, dentistry, optometry, EMTs, mental health providers, etc. This would not only expose these industries and employers but showcase careers in demand within our state. After discussing the idea of executing, Susannah Gravely, Deputy Director of OOWD, is committed and offers to add support funding for the event through program initiative funding from our office. We end the conversation with creating a sub-committee to start planning an event in the fall or

spring of 2024. Brittane' will send a follow-up email to create the sub-committee of volunteers.

Discuss OOWD's Apprenticeship Program

Brittane Grant introduces Joe Cox and John Woods from the OOWD's team to elaborate on healthcare apprenticeship programs. The OOWD has incentive funds available to assist with the launch or expansion of your Registered Apprenticeship Program. They presented their information and several committee members made connotations with them to possibly start programs within their facility or to gain additional information.

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Old Business

None; First meeting of 2023.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:44 a.m.

Submitted by:
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