

## Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development Healthcare Committee

**December 11, 2024, at 1:00 P.M.**

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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Time</b>
1. Welcome	Lara Morris	1:00 – 1:05 p.m.
2. Overview of GCWED Transition	Lara Morris	1:05 – 1:20 p.m.
3. Updates on Articulation Agreements between Career Tech and Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education	Lara Morris	1:20 – 1:50 p.m.
4. “Hand’s On” Career Exploration/Statewide Healthcare Career Fair	Lara Morris	1:50 – 2:20 p.m.
5. Old/New Business	Lara Morris	2:20 – 2:25 p.m.
6. Adjourn	Lara Morris	2:25 – 2:30 p.m.

## Healthcare Committee Meeting Minutes

The Healthcare Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, with introductions made by all attendees.

The committee discussed the transition from the previous workforce center, which has leftover funds designated for scholarships—an initiative seen as a strong foundation to build upon. Lara mentioned the availability of past data and suggested that the committee continue the workforce center's previous efforts. Chair Gray emphasized the importance of communication and publicizing these initiatives to ensure visibility and success.

Updates were provided on articulation agreements between Career Tech and the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education, with ongoing efforts to streamline processes.

The committee also discussed plans for a "Hands-On" Career Exploration/Statewide Healthcare Career Fair. This initiative, first raised at the last formal meeting, remains in its early stages. Key goals include selecting a date, finding a low-cost location, and securing participation from students, healthcare representatives, hospitals, and colleges. Lara proposed holding the event before the end of the school year, with March suggested as a potential timeframe. Examples of partnerships, such as those with Kansas or Missouri State Chambers, were discussed, and Emily offered to help find hospital representatives. Other ideas included regionalized or virtual formats for accessibility and a potential partnership with the state fair, featuring a healthcare heroes-themed coloring contest.

Under old and new business, the committee identified future work areas, including educating individuals on working in Oklahoma's healthcare sector. Challenges such as professor pay cuts, staff shortages, and funding issues—including instructor wage equality—were highlighted. The committee also discussed exploring common curriculum models, with Texas as a potential example, and addressing entrance requirements and application processes. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., with plans for the next meeting to be scheduled at a later date.