**Arkansas Adult Education Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The December 2, 2014, meeting of the Arkansas Adult Education Advisory Council was held via web conference. Chairman Gary Udouj called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Members present included Gary Udouj, Steve Clayton, David Deggs, Alan Nolan, Debbie Shelton, and Leah Irvin. State staff present included Jim Smith, Trenia Miles, Marsha Taylor, and Nancy Loftis.

**Special Presentation**

A special presentation on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was made by the team who attended the 2014 National Training Institute in San Francisco. The presentation included an overview of performance measures, adult education activities under the new law, coordination of services, format and contents of the state plan, and implementation timeline.

**Issue from the Field**

Request to Maintain Level Funding – A request was made to consider maintaining level funding for all programs during 2015-2016 given the implementation of WIOA and the changes to the GED® test. The council discussed the request. Mr. Smith stated that while he understood the concern from the program directors, it would be difficult to make such a request to the Arkansas Board of Career Education. Furthermore, the Department of Career Education is still waiting for the U.S. Department of Education to disseminate the funding for 2015-2016.

**Reports**

* Legislative – The Legislative Luncheon will be held February 24, 2015, in Little Rock. This council will meet in conjunction with the luncheon.
* WAGE – Committee will meet Friday, December 5, 2014, at the AALRC.
* AACAE – The 2015 Conference will be November 11 – 13 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock.
* A request was made to email other reports. None have been received.

**Officer Election**

New officers were elected for 2015. The following slate of officers was presented and unanimously approved:

* Chairman – Steve Clayton, Valley View
* Vice Chairman – David Deggs, Fayetteville
* Secretary – Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, Van Buren

**Meeting Schedule**

The following meeting schedule for 2015 was confirmed:

* January 22 & 23 – Meeting at SEARK
* February 24 & 25 – AALRC (In Conjunction with Legislative Luncheon)
* April 29 – AALRC (In Conjunction with Spring Administrators’ Meeting)
* July 10 - Conference Call at 2 pm

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.