

Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Call to Order/ Roll Call of members:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Dougherty

Roll call of apprenticeship council members by Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services (OEAS) Deputy Executive Director Tim Wireman showed a quorum present.

Council members not present are depicted by the word absent in red:

Jon Dougherty (Chairman)  
License Manager/Education Director, Amtech  
Lexington, Ky

Julie D. Wisher  
Executive Director  
Hugh E. Sandefer Training Center  
Henderson, Ky

Absent

Don Adkins  
VP, Safety and Training  
Davis H. Elliot  
Lexington, KY

Jennifer Lindon  
President  
Hazard Community & Technical College  
Hazard, KY

Aaron Thompson  
Associate Vice President  
Council on Postsecondary Education  
Frankfort, KY

Absent

Frances J. Feltner Director  
University of Kentucky Center of Excellence in Rural Health  
College of Medicine Adjunct Assistant Professor  
Family and Community Medicine Adjunct Faculty  
College of Nursing Adjunct Faculty, College of Health Science  
Hazard, KY

## **KY Department of Workforce Investment (DWI) Commissioner Kish Price:**

Commissioner Price presented the Governor's initiative "Everybody Counts" to the Council. The initiative attempts to connect high school graduates to college and/or a career path. The project was launched this year with business partners Ford, Kroger, UPS and GE Appliances. The scholarship partners are Evolve 502 and KHEAA. The "Everybody Counts" partners' goal is to have materials ready for students in 2022. The materials will include information on higher education options and funding, as well as concrete job opportunities with these companies. Jobs can start soon after graduation and continue to present educational opportunities through employment.

Commissioner Price was well-received by the Council with very positive feedback from Council members.

Everybody Counts: <https://governor.ky.gov/Everybody-Counts>

## **Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services Executive Director Michelle DeJohn: Registered Apprenticeship Updates, New Sponsors, New programs and Sectors of Representation**

Below is a link to the slide deck presented by Executive Director Michelle DeJohn during our May 11, 2022 Council meeting:

[\*Slide Deck Presented by Executive Director Michelle DeJohn @ May 11, 2022 council meeting\*](#)

## **Lucy Langdon, EK Wellness Group, Education & Training Providers, Kentucky Career Center, Hazard KY:**

Lucy reported their first apprentice at Hope in the Mountains in Prestonsburg, KY, as a peer specialist. Lucy went on to say her group is working with Regina Watson at Ft. Campbell, who is with aeronautical group Embry Riddle. She advocated for the peer specialist program and various industries to produce a dual role employee. Specifically, an individual with addiction issues who gets help and education to become a peer specialist, but also has a trade or personal experience skill set such as "certified welder", could be taught to help an employer mold an intervention team. Moreover, that employee could help create retention at a particular workplace. Her team is also working with the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and has individuals in the pipeline in the east KY region.

### **Discussion:**

An advertising campaign was discussed for registered apprenticeship.

Chairman Dougherty and the Apprenticeship Council requested information on apprenticeship sponsors who employ veterans as apprentices and how the GI Bill can financially align with sponsors.

**Schedule of Remaining 2022 Kentucky Registered Apprenticeship Council Meetings:**

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 9:00 AM

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 9:00 AM

Submitted by: Office of Employer and Apprenticeship Services (OEAS)  
Deputy Executive Director Tim Wireman