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PADD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Ms. Juva Barber, KBT

The PADD Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017 in Hopkinsville, KY. In addition to federal, state and staff reports, Ms. Marion Brown, Executive Director of Sanctuary, Inc. presented a Proclamation declaring April as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" for in the Pennyrile region. County Judges and City Mayors in the nine county Pennyrile region signed the proclamation dated April 10, 2017. Guest Speaker, Ms. Juva Barber, Executive Director of Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT), gave a slide presentation overview of Kentucky's infrastructure accomplishments, challenges, revenue sources and goals looking into the future. KBT educates and advocates for all modes of transportation to promote a safe, sustainable transportation network that brings economic growth and improved quality of life to all Kentucky communities.



Ms. Marion Brown, Sanctuary, Inc.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The Western Kentucky ATV Recreational Area opened on April 1, 2017. The recreational area is made up of 20.6 miles of off-road ATV trails. Amenities in the park include a gravel parking lot, trailhead, restroom and shower facilities. This recreational area was built on 856 acres of reclaimed strip mine and is located outside of the rural community of Barnsley in Western Kentucky. The Hopkins County Fiscal Court completed the project with grant funding through the Recreational Trails Program. Pennyrile Area Development District assisted the county with developing and implementing this exciting project for the region. Website for the Western Kentucky ATV Recreational Area: www.westkentuckvatv.com. Pictures courtesy of Charlie Beshears.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Central City, KY

A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on May 4, 2017 in Central City for the grand opening of the new location of the Central City Policy Department as well as the newly renovated Central City Tourism Office/Museum and 10-8 Fitness Center. Several local officials, as well as other business leaders and residents, were in attendance.



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - *Cont'd*

April is National Fair Housing Month



Each April, we come together as a community and a nation to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act and recommit to the goal that inspired us in the aftermath of the 1968 assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to eliminate housing discrimination and create equal opportunity in every community.

Fundamentally, fair housing means that every person can live free. This means that our communities are open and welcoming, free from housing discrimination and hostility. This also means that each one of us, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability, has access to neighborhoods of opportunity, where our children can attend quality schools, our environment allows us to be healthy, and economic opportunities and self-sufficiency can grow.



Fair Housing Workshop

In recognition of April as Fair Housing Month, the Pennyriple Area Development District and the Pennyriple Housing Corporation hosted a Fair Housing Workshop on April 21. Topics included nuisance ordinances and enforcement, property maintenance codes, and other fair housing hot topics. Additional workshop sponsors include the Christian County Human Rights Commission, Hopkinsville Housing Authority, Pennyroyal Mental Health Center, Aaron McNeil, and Community and Development Services.



Hopkinsville/Christian County Proclamation Declaring April as Fair Housing Month

Pictured Left to Right: Front Row: Mayor Carter Hendricks & County Judge/Executive Steve Tribble. Second Row: Camilla Diuguid (Hopkinsville, Christian, & Todd County Board of Realtors), Jennifer Marks (Community and Development Services), LeeAnn Sorrell (Community and Development Services), Vickie Smiley (Housing Authority of Hopkinsville), Phillip Brooks (City Councilman Ward 12). Third Row: Idalia Luna (Human Relations Commissioner), Makayla Houchens (Aaron McNeil House), Laura Faulkner (Community and Development Services), Jamesarae Bush (Human Relations Commission), Suzanne Arnold (Pennyriple Area Development District), Wesley Grimes (City Councilman Ward 11). Fourth Row: Reverend Ron Hicks (Henderson Memorial Baptist Church), Gay Wilson (Hopkinsville, Christian, & Todd County Board of Realtors), Tamara Standard (Aaron McNeil House), Larry Gillette (Hopkinsville, Christian, & Todd County Board of Realtors), Bruce Smiley (Hopkinsville, Christian, & Todd County Board of Realtors), Thomas Grant (City Councilman Ward 1), Walker Thomas (KY State Representative, District 8). Not Pictured: Bernard Standard (Human Relations Commission), Kurt Anderson (Aaron McNeil House) & Kibby Davis Pennyroyal Center.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE



Veterans' Transition Task Force

A Veterans' Transition Task Force has been created to focus on exiting military from Ft. Campbell and community veterans for their transition into the local workforce. An initial meeting was held on Wednesday, April 5 at the PADD office to discuss suggestions from the local community leadership on the development of a new "transition position" under the West Kentucky Workforce Board. The team also discussed building this talent pipeline to local business/industry with objectives and goals to better serve our veterans as they transition from military to civilian life.

Job Fair Focuses on Re-entry to Employment

The Western Kentucky Re-entry Council Resource Job Fair was held at the Challenge House in Hopkinsville on April 12. The job fair was open to anyone, but focused on the "justice-involved population," who are looking for "re-entry jobs" after their release from prison. The West Kentucky Workforce Board was one of the organizers of the event. Booths were set up to include several prospective employers and other resources such as the Kentucky Career Center, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Christian County Probation and Parole. Karen Corbett-Wallace, Program Specialist, stated that employers in the local community can benefit from hiring ex-offenders including tax credits and probation/parole case managers who work with transitioning individuals. She stated one of the goals of the fair was to assist clients become productive citizens in the community working to support themselves.



The Workforce Board also conducts the "Right Choice" program that assists court referred individuals who are in areas in child support by matching these individuals to jobs rather than sentencing to incarceration. This program is operated in 8 of the 9 Pennyriple Counties.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE - *Cont'd*



Workforce staff attended the **WIOA National Convening** held April 18th-20th in Dallas, Texas. It was the first in a series of three national convenings, which are being presented in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor, and its Education and Health and Human Services partners. Colleagues from across the nation gathered to discuss the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) law, the latest regulations and guidance, program integration, the design and deliverance of services to our mutual customers, and performance accountability. The recurring theme throughout the conference was that under WIOA, all partners should work together to form an innovative system to best serve job seekers and employers alike.

Kentucky staff also had the unique opportunity to tour the Southwest Career Center in Dallas. The Southwest Center serves as a true example of partner collaboration under WIOA. Currently, the Southwest Center serves 1,400+ job seekers each week. Hiring events are conducted every week and there are always 10-15 employers in attendance and 125-150 job seekers in attendance. Partners in the Southwest Center include: Texas Veterans Commission, Texas Workforce Commission, Childcare Group, Vocational Rehabilitation, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), WIOA, and the Trade Adjustment Act (TAA). Staff then participated in a panel discussion with the Center's partners to discuss best practices and inventive ideas for delivering services.

Regional Innovation Plan

A Regional Planning meeting with the West Kentucky Workforce Board and Green River Development Workforce Board representatives will be held on May 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the JobNet Career Center in Madisonville. Workforce Board Members, Economic Development, Chambers of Commerce, Education and Partner Agencies represented from both areas will come together to discuss the regional labor market and devise a plan for regional collaboration and innovation. The Regional Plan will be submitted to the Cabinet by June 30, 2017. Please contact Cindy Massie at cindy.massie@ky.gov if you would like to participate in the process.



AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Older Americans Month

The month of May has been recognized as Older Americans Month since being proclaimed by President Kennedy in 1963. The theme for May 2017 is "Age Out Loud". The intended goal is to give aging a voice reflective of what aging looks like today. It's different than years ago due to seniors living longer, working longer, being more focused on independence and being more motivated by wellness.

In recognition of Older Americans Month the senior citizens centers in the Pennyriple Region will have many special activities scheduled in May. Contact your local senior citizens center for more information about specific Older Americans Month activities.

Also, the Pennyriple AAAIL will be hosting an event, "Celebrating Centenarians" (individuals who are age 100 or over) at the PADD in May. Many centenarians throughout the Pennyriple Region have been identified and will be celebrated for their accomplishments. Annual training for staff, volunteers and AAAIL Advisory Council members will also be conducted in May. Topics at the training will include Hospice, Senior Bullying, Ombudsman, and senior scams. Please join us in recognizing & celebrating Older Americans Month.



PADD STAFF RECOGNITION

Focus 21st Century 2016/2017 Leadership Class Commencement Ceremony



Ms. Sherry Chambers, Graduate

Congratulations to Ms. Sherry Chambers, PADD Receptionist, who graduated from the Focus 21st Century Leadership program on Saturday, April 29, 2017. A Commencement Ceremony was held at the Hopkinsville College of Bible where Ms. Chambers was also the recipient of the Spirit Award.

Focus 21st Century Minority Leadership Program is a community organization organized exclusively for educational purposes, more specifically to enhance leadership skills, networking abilities and resourcefulness of minorities in the Hopkinsville - Christian County community.



Ms. Chambers receives Spirit Award



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (CDT)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hopkins/Muhlenberg Elder Abuse Council Meeting	May 3, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Hopkins County Senior Center, Madisonville
PADD Board of Directors Meeting	May 8, 2017	12:00 Noon	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting	May 9, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Pennyrile Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living Council, Volunteer, and Staff Training	May 10, 2017	9:00 a.m.	Lake Barkley Convention Center, Cadiz
Tri County Elder Abuse Council Meeting	May 10, 2017	12:00 Noon	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
WIOA Regional Planning Session	May 15, 2017	1:30 p.m.	JobNet/METC, Madisonville
Pennyrile Grandparents Support Group Meeting	May 17, 2017	10:00 a.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
West Kentucky Workforce Board Meeting	May 17, 2017	10:00 a.m.	Kentucky Dam Village Convention Center, Gilbertsville
Trigg County Caregiver Support Group	May 23, 2017	12:00 Noon	John L. Street Library, Cadiz
Regional Eclipse Meeting	May 23, 2017	1:00 p.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Caldwell County Caregiver Support Group	May 23, 2017	2:00 p.m.	Central Presbyterian Church, Princeton
SPGE Training	May 24, 2017	2:00 p.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville
Centenarian Reception	May 25, 2017	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	PADD Office, Hopkinsville

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