

# **INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE**

## **Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources**

### **Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the 2021 Interim**

**November 16, 2021**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The 6th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 11:00 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Stephen Meredith, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Stephen Meredith, Co-Chair; Representative Danny Bentley, Co-Chair; Senators Julie Raque Adams, Ralph Alvarado, Karen Berg, and Danny Carroll; Representatives Adam Bowling, Deanna Frazier, Kimberly Poore Moser, Melinda Gibbons Prunty, Steve Sheldon, Russell Webber, Susan Westrom, and Lisa Willner.

Guests: Mackenzie Wallace Longoria, Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association, Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter; Tom Miller, Chief Executive Officer, University of Louisville Health; Ken Marshall, Chief Operating Officer, University of Louisville Health; Katie Smith, Deputy Secretary and Commissioner, Cabinet for Economic Development; Dr. Mary Lloyd Moore, Ph.D., Clinical Director, Susan Vitale Clinical Education Complex, Western Kentucky University; David Wheeler, Director, LifeWorks@WKU Program, Western Kentucky University; John Kelly, Founder, Kelly Autism Program; Kimmie Ishmael, Policy Campaign Coordinator, Community Farm Alliance; Ted Johnson, Farmer, South Fork Farms; and Karissa Arnold, Farmer, Elkhorn Oak Farms.

LRC Staff: Miriam Fordham, Kevin Newton, and Benjamin Thompson

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Representative Westrom moved to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2021 meeting of the subcommittee. Senator Carroll seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

#### **Funding for Dementia Services**

Ms. Longoria provided an overview on funding for dementia services.

In response to a question from Representative Westrom, Ms. Longoria noted that she does not believe funding for dementia services has ever been a specific line item in the budget bill.

### **Update of University of Louisville Hospital Loan**

Mr. Miller and Mr. Marshall provided an update on the status of University of Louisville (UofL) Health.

In response to a question from Representative Moser, Mr. Miller noted that UofL Health is fifty nurses short of a full staff. Mr. Miller stated that he believes the best way to address nursing shortages is through the university system. Mr. Miller noted that UofL health has had to hire three hundred and fifty international nurses.

In response to a question from Representative Sheldon, Mr. Miller confirmed that UofL Health utilizes incentives for rural healthcare providers. Mr. Miller noted that UofL health would need more residency programs to expand incentives, but that the number of residency programs have been capped by the federal government.

In response to a question from Senator Alvarado, Mr. Marshall noted that UofL Health had lost some nurses to travel nursing programs.

### **Funding for Services for Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder**

Dr. Moore, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Kelly provided information regarding services for young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

In response to a question from Representative Willner, Dr. Moore noted that her hope is that others would replicate the LifeWorks@WKU model for other programs through the commonwealth.

In response to questions from Senator Carroll, Mr. Wheeler noted that there were 10 individuals enrolled in the LifeWorks@WKU bridge program. Dr. Moore committed to providing financial statements if LifeWorks@WKU were to receive general fund contributions for the purpose of enabling the program to ramp up to full capacity.

### **Funding for Food Access Programs**

Ms. Ishmael, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Arnold provided information regarding Food Access Programs and the importance of encouraging low income Kentuckians to maintain healthier diets.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.