**Kansas Employment First Oversight Commission**

**4-15-13**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

***Landon* State Office Building,**

**Minutes**

**Attendees**

Commissioners: Rocky Nichols, Barney Mayse, Ron Pasmore, Dan Kerschen, Wendy Parent-Johnson, Kerrie Bacon (staff)

Guests: Kathryn McCrary, Martha Artiles –C5 Consulting

Liaisons or Reps from Agencies: Jeff S - Commerce, Kathy Cooper – VR

Stakeholders: Eric Harkness – NAMI, Jodi Jeffers-COF, Craig Evans-COF, Martha Gabehart-KCDC, Kelly Nye-University of MN.

Nichols call the meeting to order

Nichols did welcome and introductions.

No one wanted additional time on the agenda.

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

The approval of last meeting’s minutes will be done in June.

C5 Consulting (Kathryn McCrary and Martha Artiles) were asked to come to the meeting to provide information and discussion on the employer and business perspective of Employment First. Kathryn and Martha presented information to the Commission about this topic. See unofficial notes for more information.

Old Business –

After discussion about the National Employment First program as presented by Serena Lowe, the Commission decided to refer this matter to the Employment First Work Group, which it was felt was a better fit for this project. KCDC staff will let Serena know that that is the direction from the Commission.

Update on SB195 – amending the Employment First statute.

Announcements:

Next meeting: June 27 (Thursday), 10 - 12 noon, Landon State Office Building (LSOB), Room 509

Barney moved and Wendy seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted.

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**3-22-13**

**Eisenhower State Office Building**

**Minutes**

Attendees: Rocky, Ron, Barney(by phone), Wendy Parent-Johnson(by phone) Kerrie (staff for Commission)

Guests: Wendy Pickell, Martha Gabehart, Jody Jeffers, Debbie Black, Nancy Bristow, Craig Cevaus

On the Phone Guests: Kathy Cooper, BJ Heiser, Anthony Fadale, Serena Lowe – Guest Speaker.

Rocky called the meeting to order.

Introductions were made.

Agenda approved as it stands.

Ron moved and Barney seconded to accept the minutes. Motion adopted.

**Serena Lowe**, Senior Policy Advisor from Office of Disability Employment Policy in the US Department of Labor, shared information on Employment First framework across the nation. **See handouts**. She will follow up with sending other data resources to the commission.

**Stakeholder feedback:**

The Commission obtained feedback from several members of the public and disability community about employment first and how the system can improve. See attached unofficial notes for more information.

**Meeting adjourned** by consensus.