**Employment First Oversight Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 26, 2013**

Attendance: Martha Gabehart, Rocky Nichols, Barney Mayse, Dan Kerschen, Wendy Parent-Johnson

Not in Attendance: Ron Pasmore

Guests: Shelly May, Mike Donnelly, Jeff Schroeder

Call to Order: Rocky called meeting to order.

Welcome & Introductions

Additions to the Agenda

Approval of last Meeting’s Minutes: Barney moved to approve, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Update on Employer Partner Incentive Program: Jeff Schroeder from the Kansas Department of Commerce gave an update about the program. Currently one employer is approved. Five are being processed. The money is from state general funds for this program. DEI grant got a 6 month no cost extension until March 31, 2014. Working to extend the disability coordinators in the local areas. Commerce will be seeking additional grant fund to continue disability employment services. He also spoke about Jobs for Americas Graduates (JAG). Communities in Schools is administering JAG.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming meetings and the next steps to ensure we have recommendations for the 2014 Legislature.

There was an announcement about the upcoming National Council on Disability (NCD) event October 7 and 8: NCD will be in Topeka for their quarterly meeting. One issue is a panel on Employment First on Monday afternoon. Rocky, Mike Donnelly and Mike Oxford have been asked to be on the panel, but not been notified what questions they will be asked.

Announcements: Next meeting is October 29 from 10-noon, 900 SW Jackson, Room 509 in Topeka

Schedule of upcoming meetings: 11/14/13, 12/12/13, 12/2/13, 1/24/14

Motion to adjourn - Barney moved to adjourn, Wendy seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned