**Kansas Employment First Oversight Commission**

2/15/13

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: DCF Learning Center

2600 SW East Circle Drive South

Conference Call-in: 1-866-620-7326 PIN: 570 873 1829#

**Minutes**

Attendees: Rocky Nichols, Ron Pasmore, Kerrie Bacon-staff [Barney Mayse, Wendy Parent-Johnson, Dan Kerschen (by phone)]

Guests: Martha Gabehart, [Michael Donnelly, Jeff Schroeder, Kathy Cooper, Rosie Cooper, Roger Frischenmeyer, Lea Stueve (by phone)]

Meeting was called to order.

Nichols did welcome and introductions.

No liaisons or members of the public wished to have time on the agenda.

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

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

SB 195 – An Act concerning the Kansas employment first initiative act. Would eliminate the commission and put the responsibilities with Vocational Rehabilitation. Dan Kerschen introduced bill. There was discussion for clarification about the bill and the focus of the Commission. There will be an agenda item on March meeting to work on the focus for Employment First Commission.

Martha Gabehart presented an invitation by the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) to participate in Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program’s Community of Practice.

Martha will investigate what it will take to participate in the Community of Practice, find out more about implementation, best practices, leadership, more about their best practices, and law combined with the program. May see about having the key person join us by Conference Call.

Kerrie Bacon reviewed with the Commission the two reports on data that were handed out at the meeting; one from <http://disabilitystatistics.org> and the other Policy Research Brief newsletter, both available on the Employment First website ([www.ksemploymentfirst.org](http://www.ksemploymentfirst.org)).

2013 Goals and Objectives – Discussion on these topics

* How we go forward with establishing the outcomes for the 2013 year.
* Different people have different expectations of the Employment First Law.
* Consensus approval on agenda topics

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| Employment First Meeting Date | Goals Topic for discussion |
| February 15 (Friday), 2 - 4 pm, DCF Learning Center, Room C | Goal 2 - updates and/or completion |
| March 22 (Friday), 2 - 4 pm, DCF Learning Center, Room C | Goal 1 - strategies (updates and/or completion) |
| April 15 (Monday), 10 - 12 noon, Landon State Office Building (LSOB), Room 106 | Goal 3 - updates and/or completion) |
| June 27 (Thursday), 10 - 12 noon, LSOB, Rm 106 | Goal 4 - updates and/or completion) |
| August 14 (Wed.), 10-12 noon, LSOB, Rm 106 | Goal 5 - updates and/or completion) |
| Sept 26 (Thursday), 10-12 noon, DCF Learning Center, Room D | Review of Strategies and Barriers |
| October 24 (Thursday), 10-12 noon, LSOB, Rm 106 | Outline of Annual Report completed. |
| Nov. 14 (Thurs.), 10 am-2 pm, LSOB, Rm 106 | Review of Commission Activities Completed |

Announcements:

Next meeting March 22, **9:00 am to 12:00pm**; (***Note change of time)***

location will be at ***Landon State office building***, Room 102 Conference Room.

Adjourn - Barney moved and Ron seconded to adjourn. Motio**n adopted.**