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NEWS FROM PENNYRILE ADD

PeADD Continues Operations Amid COVID-19

The Pennyryle Area Development District (PeADD) considers the health & safety of all employees a primary concern at all times. Therefore, effective March 23, 2020, PeADD implemented temporary telecommuting arrangements for employees. These policies have been successfully implemented due to difficult adjustments made by all our staff and the hard work of our IT manager, Casey Lyon. Their willingness to remain flexible during this crisis is much appreciated.

PeADD staff continues to provide the services your communities need and expect. We look forward to assisting the Pennyryle region in becoming stronger than ever before.



Amanda Sweeney

PADD Board of Directors Meeting

The PADD Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on March 9, 2020. Federal and State reports were provided as well as staff reports from Community & Economic Development, Pennyryle AAAIL and West KY Workforce. Ms. Amanda Sweeney, Christian County Health Department, provided an update on state and local efforts concerning the Coronavirus COVID-19. Guest speaker, Judge Rene' Williams, Chief Regional Circuit Judge, 5th Circuit, Division 1, presented information on the purpose, importance, and many benefits of Drug Court, an alternative to incarceration. In addition, Mr. John Mahre, PADD Transportation Committee Chair, asked attendees to



Judge Rene' Williams

show their support of HB580 by reaching out to their legislators or by attending the KBT Rally in Frankfort. Mr. Jason Vincent, PADD Executive Director, welcomed new PADD Board Member Mayor Wendell Lynch, City of Hopkinsville, and recognized all PADD staff on the recent Quality Service Award presented to Pennyryle ADD at the Christian County Chamber of Commerce 2020 Compass Awards.

PADD Welcomes New Board Member

The PADD Board of Directors welcomed new member, Wendell Lynch, Mayor for the City of Hopkinsville, at their board meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020. Mayor Lynch received his BA degree from Phillips University. He retired as President of BB&T, is past President of Pioneers Inc., past member of the Murray State Board of Regents, former Hopkinsville City Council member, and serves as a Deacon at Virginia Street Baptist Church. **Welcome!**



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SBA Low-Interest Federal Disaster Loans

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering Kentucky and other designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19. All counties in Kentucky are eligible for assistance. SBA is encouraging all small businesses affected by the disaster to apply; eligible entities include but are not limited to restaurants, retailers, gift shops, motels and hotels, service-based companies, recreational facilities, manufacturers, sports vendors, owners of rental property, travel agencies, and wholesalers that have a physical presence in the disaster area. Eligible applicants can apply for loans up to \$2 million; interest rates for the loans under this disaster are 3.75% for small businesses and 2.75% for nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years at a fixed rate. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits or for expansion. Applicants can apply online via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. For more information regarding this loan program, please contact Amy Frogue at the PADD Office at 270-886-9484 or via email at amy.frogue@ky.gov.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CONT'D



2020 Delta Regional Authority (DRA) States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

The DRA federal funding program is only available to participating member states, local governments (city and county), public bodies, and non-profit entities. Private/For-Profit entities are NOT eligible for DRA funding.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate how a project meets at least one Federal Priority Eligibility Criteria and one DRA Regional Development Plan Goal and must assure sustainability of the project after DRA funding.

Eligible Activities

1. Basic Public Infrastructure – water and wastewater facilities, electric and gas utilities, broadband delivery and solid waste landfills, all of which are fundamental services necessary to sustain and promote growth and/or attract business.
2. Transportation Infrastructure – roadways, bridges, rail, port facilities, and airports and other structures deemed central to an overall transportation system
3. Business Development – emphasis on entrepreneurship, business creation, business retention, and business expansion
4. Workforce Development – job training or employment related education with an emphasis on the use of existing public institutions located in the region; registered apprenticeship

2020 Allocation and Application Requirements

Kentucky SEDAP Allocation - \$1,316,270.21

Community Infrastructure Fund - \$15,000,000 (allocation for eight state DRA region)

Applications must be submitted electronically through the Local Development District (Pennyriple Area Development District) for review between March 2 and May 31, 2020. Projects that rank as a Tier 1 (has Participation Agreement for jobs, regional impact, and leverages other funds) will be considered as they are submitted. For more information regarding the DRA Program, please contact Amy Frogue, Angie Crawford or Jared Nelson at (270) 886-9484.

WEST KENTUCKY WORKFORCE

New Career Center Hours

For the safety and security of everyone during the COVID-19 outbreak, Career Center staff are currently serving and assisting customers through phone calls rather than face-to-face visits. Staff are still available on-site to help answer calls, and direct and guide customers regarding UI, training, and employment questions.

All of our area's Career Centers will now be open Monday-Friday, from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. The phone number for each center can be found below.

- Hopkinsville Career Center-270-889-6509
- JobNet Career Center (Madisonville)- 270-821-9966
- Paducah Career Center-270-575-7000
- Career Advancement Center (Central City)- 270-338-3654
- Career Discovery Center (Murray)-270-809-6770

Hopkins County Job Expo



On March 3, 2020, the annual Hopkins County Job Expo was held at Madisonville Community College and achieved record attendance. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., approximately 385 job seekers came in looking for employment opportunities. There were 33 employer and community agencies represented at the event. Expungement resources were provided, in addition to free cardiovascular screenings. Multiple employers provided on-site interviews throughout the day and WebstaurantStore in Madisonville made 20 job offers on the spot, Baptist Health Madisonville interviewed 26 potential employees to fill their multiple open positions. Attendees were required to answer a few questions prior to entering the event and were asked if they had recently been laid off and from where. Registration information shows that a number of individuals who attended the event had recently been laid off from Genesis Mine and Pride Mine. IAC in Madisonville, who is preparing to layoff 100+ individuals in April, also had several employees attend the event.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

Changes Regarding Traditional Home and Community Based Waiver Programs

Per the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), Participant Directed Services/ Home and Community Based Waiver, as well as the Traditional Home and Community Based Waiver Programs, will complete all monthly contacts via telephone until notified otherwise by DMS. Home visits of any sort will not be allowed which includes routine home visits, employee trainings, or review team meetings. All other business will continue as usual. This decision was made because of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), and the goal to protect and ensure the safety of the Support Brokers and clients alike.

Closing of Kentucky Senior Centers

Based on Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear's recommendation, senior centers across Kentucky will be closed until further notice to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). All nine (9) senior centers in the Pennyriple Region are closed until further notice. Alternate service delivery methods have been implemented. Officials will reevaluate the situation in our areas by consulting with the Governor's Office, local health departments, state health officials, and the Kentucky Department for Aging & Independent Living.

In-home services are temporarily suspended due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19.

An alternate plan has been implemented for providing meals to the congregate clients ("drive thru" meals). Please call your local Senior Center for further information and to make reservations for "drive thru" meals."

For more information please contact your local senior center or the Pennyriple Area Development District ADRC at 1-866-844-4396.

National Family Caregiver Program Services Update

The National Family Caregiver program serves caregivers in various situations through reimbursement for respite services and indirect supplemental assistance. The program serves caregivers caring for persons 60 years of age and older that must rely on others to meet their daily needs, and older adults age 55 and over caring for a related child in the absence of their parents.

In addition, the program facilitates support groups for caregivers in the region. These sessions provide valuable information and an opportunity to share and be heard.

*Due to COVID-19 precautions, (in-person) support groups are temporarily suspended. We want to take every precaution to ensure everyone's safety. Support groups will meet via phone for those who are interested. Please follow-up with Belinda Babb if you are interested via phone.

We also participate in a quarterly Caregiving Telemed Program. The next upcoming program will be held on April 23, 2020. Due to social distancing and the safety of our community, this program will be offered from home only. Registration is required through Shani Bardach by calling her at 859-323-1331.

If you would like more information, please contact Belinda Babb, Family Caregiver Coordinator, at Pennyriple Area Development District at 270-886-9484.

Medicare Beneficiaries!

Are you currently receiving Medicare and paying for your Part B monthly premium? If so, there is a program that may be able to assist you with that premium cost. If your income is under \$1,456/single or \$1,960/married and your resources/assets are under \$7,860/single or \$11,800/married then you may qualify to receive assistance through the state with a program called the Medicare Savings Program. This program may help pay for your Part B premiums and potentially assist in also paying for Part A premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, depending on your income level. To see if you are eligible and apply for this program, contact Ali Jones with the Pennyriple Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

Long Term Care Ombudsman Corner

Ombudsman and volunteer visits have been paused during this time of social distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ombudsman services are still available, although I am working from home. Residents, family members and others can reach me by calling the PADD office 270-886-9484 or by email at cindy.tabor@ky.gov. I miss the residents! I miss the HUGS! I have been blessed to see how the facilities are providing social media or using technology to assist residents to visit via Skype or FaceTime with their loved ones. It's also interesting how facilities are being innovative in playing hallway Bingo, sidewalk chalk art, story time from grandchildren and window painting to mention a few. This too shall pass and when it does I will be thrilled to go visit the residents once again! Until then, wash your hands, keep your distance and stay safe and healthy.

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