

**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (VIRTUAL)
JUNE 14, 2021 - 1:00 P.M.**

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 - *May 10, 2021*
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 - *Financial Report*
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**MINUTES OF THE
PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING**

MAY 10, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Ahart, Judge Hollis Alexander, Crissy Carter, Mayor Kevin Cotton, Judge Larry Curling, Deb Domke, Mayor Arthur Green, Judge Garrett Gruber, Lori Harper, JoAnn Holder, Adam Ledford, Mayor Wendell Lynch, Judge Todd Mansfield, Scott Marshall, Judge Curtis McGehee, Judge Perry Newcom, Karen Robinson, Mayor Chris Smiley, Bernard Standard, Terry Stringer, Judge Steve Tribble, Judge Wade White, Judge Jack Whitfield, Lee Wilson, and Mayor Jan Yonts.

GUESTS: Mr. Buddy Hoskinson, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and recognized a voting quorum. Due to the current State of Emergency regarding threats to public health presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting was conducted by videoconference (Zoom).
- II. PLEDGE/INVOCATION:** Mr. Scott Marshall led the pledge and Mayor Chris Smiley led the invocation.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Board meeting were presented for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Judge Jack Whitfield to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes as presented. Judge Steve Tribble seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- IV. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Ms. Crissy Carter, Board Treasurer, presented the April 30, 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report for review and approval. A copy was included in the online board meeting packet and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. All line items are within the operating budget at \$2,788,804.31 (68.86% vs. 83.33%) year-to-date. There were no questions or concerns. **Motion** made by Mr. Scott Marshall to approve the financial report as presented. Mayor Chris Smiley seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- V. FEDERAL AND STATE REPORTS:**
 1. U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell/Morgan Alvey – Ms. Morgan Alvey, Field Representative, reported Senator McConnell has been traveling across the state meeting with local business leaders to hear concerns with one stop in Hopkinsville. If their office can assist with letters of support for federal competitive grant applications, please contact her. There were no questions or concerns.
 2. U.S. Senator Rand Paul/Jason Hasert – Mr. Jason Hasert, Field Representative, reported Senator Paul has also been traveling across the state, specifically in eastern Kentucky last week, and is making plans to stop in the Pennyriple region the first week of June. Mr. Hasert will be reaching out to schedule visits in the near future. If their office can assist with letters of support for federal competitive grant applications, please contact him. There were no questions or concerns.

3. U.S. Congressman James Comer/Corey Elder – Mr. Corey Elder, Field Representative, reported Congressman Comer visited Christian County last week to conduct committee calls and meetings. A central theme of conversation was the need for workers in our businesses and industries, both large and small. Tax payers should not have to fund this expense. If their office can assist with letters of support for federal competitive grant applications, please contact him or Amelia Wilson. There were no questions or concerns.
4. KY State Representative Mary Beth Imes – Rep. Mary Beth Imes stated she was very pleased with the General Assembly's accomplishments in a thirty day session. There were no questions or concerns.
5. KY State Representative Chris Freeland – Rep. Chris Freeland reported on increases in sales tax, rise in tourism, the start of the county budget process, and stated we are awaiting the release of regulations and guidelines on spending funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. The workforce shortage is hard on small businesses and restaurants. There were no questions or concerns.
6. KYTC Department for Rural & Municipal Aid/Doug Taylor – Mr. Doug Taylor, Field Representative, reported for local elected officials, it is the time of year to process county and municipal road aid agreements. If you have not received yours, or have questions, please contact him. As part of that process, you will have to make a decision whether or not to participate in the cooperative program. Heavy rains and flooding caused a lot of damage in the north eastern part of the Pennyriple region; if you are a cooperative member and encountered damage and need emergency assistance to make repairs, you can apply for assistance from the KY Transportation Cabinet. If you have any questions on how to apply, please contact him and he will guide you through the process. There were no questions or concerns.
7. Department for Local Government/Elton Thomas – Mr. Elton Thomas, Field Representative, reported they are tracking mobile vaccination sites and Governor Beshear has been traveling and making stops in western Kentucky. We appreciate the help of leadership in spreading the word about the "Shot of Hope" campaign to get Kentuckians vaccinated. It is good to see the economy starting to rebound. There were no questions or concerns.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living – Ms. Jill Collins, Director, Pennyriple AAAIL, provided the following report:
 - Older Americans Month – the month of May is "Older Americans Month" and information was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Activities will be held both virtually and outdoors in each county with individuals recognized on social media during the month.
 - Pennyriple AAAIL Meal Update – information was included in the online meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. A total of 308,615 meals were provided as of April 23, 2021.
 - Aging Waiting List - a copy of the Aging Waiting List as of May 5, 2021 was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
 - Elder Abuse Awareness – information regarding elder abuse prevention was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Please contact Ms. Collins or Cindy Tabor if you have questions.
 - Free Cancer Screenings – information regarding several types of free cancer screenings was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
 - Reopening of Senior Centers – discussions continue at the state level with DAIL and the CDC regarding guidelines and reopening of senior centers. We hope to have more information to report next month. Mr. Vincent stated Aging has been in communication

with our provider, Pennyrile Allied Community Services, and we feel prepared to reopen once the official date is announced.

2. Community & Economic Development – Ms. Amy Frogue, Associate Director – CED, provided the following report:

- IGR Report – a copy of the IGR Report was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Six projects have been submitted and information sent out for comments and feedback.
- COVID Loan Update – to date, 23 loans have been made for a total of \$690,000. A total of \$120,000 COVID funds remain available and we have one loan application being processed. Ms. Frogue commended leadership and the CDE staff for spreading the word to help businesses that are struggling due to the pandemic.
- Dates to Remember – just a reminder of the upcoming grant application deadline dates for Land & Water - May 31; Recreational Trails - May 31; and DRA - June 6. If you have interest in applying or have questions, please contact our office. The CDBG application period for 2021 is now open. Applications have varying due dates depending on the project type.
- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds – Ms. Frogue stated a webinar hosted by NACo is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, May 11, 2021, to release guidelines and regulations from the U.S. Department of Treasury and answer questions about COVID Fiscal Recovery funds, part of the American Rescue Plan Act. You can register to attend via their website. To access funds, you will have to login via a portal and open a separate checking account for those funds. You will also need to amend your current fiscal year budget with these funds and include a second deposit in your next fiscal year budget. Mr. Vincent stated it is our understanding cities will receive funding through the Department for Local Government. We will forward any information we receive to you.
- Highway Project Prioritization Process – Mr. Craig Morris, Regional Planning Coordinator, stated the Regional Transportation Committee met on April 27 to review county sponsored highway projects. He provided an overview which was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. A total of 47 projects will be submitted to the KYTC to be scored with results received in July. A draft recommended highway plan will be submitted for review in January 2022 with the final plan released in March 2022.

3. West Kentucky Workforce – Ms. Sheila Clark, Director, WKWB, provided the following report:

- Job Fairs – due to a recent layoff at Alliance Coal, a job fair was conducted last Thursday, May 6, 2021 in Muhlenberg County. Attendees were interviewed and job offers made by other coal companies. The next job fair will be held on June 8, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Hopkins County at the Ballard County Convention Center in Madisonville. Please reach out to Molly Deahl if you are interested in holding a job fair in your area.
- Request for Proposals – two proposals have been received for the Request One-Stop Operator option and one proposal for the Direct Services option. Staff are reviewing the documents and requesting additional information. Documents and staff comments will be forwarded to a selection committee comprised of Chief Elected Officials and Workforce Board members for review.
- KY Career Centers – West KY Workforce does not employ unemployment insurance staff, so our only role is to assist with meetings with partnership agencies and to help individuals with communication, understanding the process, and instructing them on how to report fraud. Our staff will continue to provide virtual services to customers.

- Labor Market Snapshot – the Labor Market Snapshot report for March 2021 was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Monthly Code of Ethics Report – Judge Newcom, Board Chair, stated no violations have been reported during the month. Informational; no action required.
- Guest Speaker – Chairman Newcom introduced Mr. Buddy Hoskinson, Executive Director, Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance. Mr. Hoskinson provided an update on activity related to the reopening of career centers, call center, work search requirement, unemployment insurance fraud, and SB7 that was signed into law in March reinstituting the waiver over-payment request & eligibility.
- Director's Report – Mr. Jason Vincent, PeADD Executive Director, thanked Mr. Hoskinson for his report and for his continued support of the Area Development Districts. Mr. Vincent provided the following report:
 - PADD Executive Committee – the Executive Committee met on April 20, 2021 and a copy of the meeting minutes is provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. As discussed in that meeting, we are in the process of working with Cornerstone to develop a system with upgraded audio/visual equipment to integrate with the current system in the board room. Once this is completed, plans are to resume in-person board meetings starting in July.
 - FY 2022 Budget – we are in the process of developing the FY 2022 budget early to mid-June.
 - 2020 Census Update – a copy of the 2020 Census results were provided in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Population determines the number of congressional seats per state and Kentucky has six seats. The next release will be August to September and data will be used for redistricting purposes.
 - Funding – as soon as we receive information regarding the release of water and sewer funding from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), we will forward it to you. Mayor Yonts shared information regarding a Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) conference call scheduled for May 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. for cities to learn more about the release of ARP funds. You can register to participate on the KLC website.
 - KYCOVID19 Vaccine Dashboard – vaccination rates for each county and by age group is now available on the KYCOVID19 Vaccine Dashboard. The link was shared: https://dashboard.chfs.ky.gov/views/KYPublicFacingDashboard_16191000580170/KentuckyCOVID-19Vaccination?.iid=1&:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y. Of Kentuckians age 65 and older, 79% have been vaccinated which is great news. We are working with DLG for mobile vaccination sites and information will be available on our social media sites. If you have vaccine initiatives in your area, we would be glad to share them on our social media sites as well.
 - PADD Employee Recognition – Mr. Vincent recognized Ms. Cindy Tabor, Long Term Care Ombudsman, who is celebrating 10 years of service with our organization. More information about Cindy can be found in our newsletter. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication.
 - PADD Press Newsletter – a copy of the May 2021 issue of the PADD Press newsletter was included in the online board meeting packet; a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.
 - West KY Coalition (WKC) – the next WKC meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2021 at the Lyon County Convention Center and will be an in-person meeting with lunch provided. An invitation to R.S.V.P will be emailed in the near future.

- *June Board of Directors Meeting* – the June meeting will be our annual business meeting and will be held virtually via Zoom. Regular business will be conducted and we will recognize outgoing board members and vote on new board members. Plans are to hold an in-person celebration event in September.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: None

- IX. ADJOURN:** With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mayor Kevin Cotton to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Judge Jack Whitfield seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Perry Newcom, Board Chair

Mayor Jan Yonts, Secretary

PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Monthly Expenditure Report
as of
May 31, 2021

	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>% Expended</u>
PERSONNEL				
Total Salaries	1,955,813.00	175,540.39	1,614,016.25	82.52%
Total Benefits	1,160,195.00	109,699.24	981,797.77	84.62%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	3,116,008.00	285,239.63	2,595,814.02	83.31%
TRAVEL				
Staff Travel	82,500.00	2,033.21	8,913.82	10.80%
Board Travel	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL TRAVEL	92,500.00	2,033.21	8,913.82	9.64%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	841,614.00	36,646.77	507,996.08	60.36%
GRAND TOTALS	4,050,122.00	323,919.61	3,112,723.92	76.86%

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Senior Citizens Centers to Reopen July 1, 2021

Effective July 1, 2021 all Senior Citizen Centers in the 9 Pennyrile Counties will be reopened.

Hopkinsville, KY., June 3, 2021. The Pennyrile Area Development District (PADD) and the Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) are happy to announce that all Senior Citizens Centers in the Pennyrile counties will reopen effective July 1, 2021. The counties include Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg Counties.

Effective July 1st all centers will return to their normal hours of operation and services prior to the pandemic. All centers will continue to follow any Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state and/or local guidelines.

Effective July 1st all centers will resume congregate meals in each center. During the month of July PACS will also continue providing curbside meal pick up. To better assist PACS in knowing how many meals to plan for we are reminding everyone to call your local senior center to reserve a congregate or curbside meal.

All other pre-pandemic services will resume when the centers are reopened July 1st. Clients will be getting a letter providing more details and information as they become available.

For More Information Contact

<https://www.peadd.org>

<http://www.pacs-ky.org/>

Pennyrile AAAIL Meals Update

	3/16/2020 - 5/31/2021	Total Clients Served	Current Clients
COVID19 Home Delivered Meals	155,456	1,339	522
Homecare & Title III Home Delivered Meals	101,439	487	285
Curbside Pick-Up Meals (Congregate Meals)	67,634	588	309
Shelf Stable Meals	7,537	629	0
TOTALS	332,066 meals	2,292 unduplicated	1,116 unduplicated

Home & Community Based Waiver (PDS/ Traditional)

Participant Directed Services (PDS) / Home and Community Based Waiver is an alternative to the traditional service delivery model under the Medicaid Waivers. The PDS program is designed to allow clients to have more choice, flexibility and options regarding their in-home waiver services. Services available through the PDS/HCB Program includes Home and Community Supports, non-specialized respite, home modification, and Goods & Services. Traditional HCB Waiver is the alternative to PDS and allows the same services as the PDS Waiver, however this option allows the client to select a staffing agency to provide care instead of selecting & managing their own employee. Both waivers continue to grow weekly and we now have 239 active participants and a total of 87 pending services. You can see the graph below for a breakdown between waivers.

Waiver Type	Active	Pending
Participant Directed (PDS)	138	52
Traditional	101	35
Total	239	87

Electronic Visit Verification

The Department of Medicaid Services (DMS) released an official statement on June 9, 2021 encouraging direct service providers as well as FMA's to either begin using the EVV system or to start increasing it's EVV users as soon as possible. DMS expects all agencies across the state to capture a "minimum" of 50% documenting services in EVV by August 9, 2021, and for the adoption to increase steadily toward the end of the year. DMS also released additional guidance for provider agencies and FMAs that by November 6, 2021 that at least 75% should be documenting services in EVV, and by January 1, 2022 that all agencies will be 100% documenting services within the EVV system. DMS is giving FMAs the option to bill through the EVV system or bill through Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) as they have years prior. **Pennyryle AAAIL can happily report that both components of the EVV system, "Program (documenting services) as well as "Financial" (FMAs) have been 100% operational in the EVV system since April 2021.**

Veterans Directed Care Program (VDC)

The Veterans Directed Program (VDC) has the same goal of preventing or prolonging someone being placed in a long-term care facility by providing non-skilled services in the veteran's home. The VDC Program offers services such as personal care, homemaking, respite, transportation, financial assistance with Goods & Services as well as many other services. This program is a potential resource to veterans with honorable discharge and have a form of disability. The disability does not have to occur while the veteran was enlisted and occur several years after the veteran has been discharged from the military. With the current Hub & Spoke model, we currently have 73 active veterans and 7 pending client's waiting to access the VDC Program.

PENNYRILE AAAIL WAITING LIST

As of June 4, 2021

	Home Delivered Meals	Homemaking	Personal Care
Caldwell	44	32	9
Christian	209	109	34
Crittenden	28	10	8
Hopkins	126	50	8
Livingston	14	3	7
Lyon	31	20	10
Muhlenberg	40	15	2
Todd	37	11	5
Trigg	82	17	10
Totals	611	267	93



May 12, 2021

To: n4a Members
From: Sandy Markwood, CEO
Re: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Opportunities

Older Americans Month has brought good news for the Aging Network. President Biden's [proclamation](#) for Older Americans Month and its theme, Communities of Strength, highlighted the policy priorities that n4a is promoting this year including enhancements to Medicaid HCBS and the Older Americans Act. That was then followed by the [release of American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funding from the Administration for Community Living](#) to states, something we have been anticipating anxiously since early March when the massive COVID relief and recovery package was passed by Congress.

n4a [fought tenaciously](#) to secure the Older Americans Act (OAA) funding that is in ARPA, particularly the \$460 million in OAA Title III B Supportive Services—an amount that reflects your incredible work during COVID, especially the Aging Network's efforts to combat social isolation and to support the vaccination of older adults—and the \$25 million for OAA Title VI aging programs. We also [worked in collaboration](#) with our national colleagues to ensure that OAA relief was balanced and included resources for meals, caregiver supports and evidence-based disease prevention and health promotion programs.

ARPA funding has been distributed to states and tribes and will soon move to the Area Agency on Aging level. **These funds will offer your agency a tremendous and perhaps historic opportunity to expand the reach of your work to assist older adults and caregivers in your communities.**

A few key points to consider:

The ARPA funds may be spent over a period of three years. As per [ACL's fiscal FAQ](#), the sunset date is September 30, 2024. The extended spending period is due to the fact that ARPA was passed as part of a reconciliation bill, not the regular appropriations process, allowing for a longer funding cycle.

This means the AAA and Title VI network have an incredible opportunity to use these funds not only to meet current, on-the-ground needs, but also to thoughtfully grow the size of your programs' reach and capacity to better reflect demographic pressures and other needs at the state and community level.

For just one example, OAA III D Evidence-Based Prevention and Wellness dollars have been limited to less than \$24 million nationally for years—with a \$44 million ARPA pot, AAAs will be able to grow their III D offerings, train more trainers and reach far more people over the next few years with these healthy aging initiatives. If you always wished you had more offerings for family caregivers then the \$144 million in ARPA funding on top of a \$188 million program (in FY 2021) will help you expand your caregiver assistance. And of course, as Congress specifically calls out at n4a's urging, the OAA III B Supportive Services funding can also be used to expand and enhance your efforts to address social isolation and to provide vaccine support.

While n4a fought for this funding to replace the CARES and Families First resources in order to prevent service cliffs, we also engaged Congress on the fact that emerging from the pandemic and restoring/reinventing OAA programs

and services requires resources. Now the sheer size of this new funding stream requires us all to pause and think about how best to deploy this one-time asset. **We hope you can strategize with the other AAAs in your state and work with your state unit on aging to devise the best-possible approach for your state—but also with enough flexibility to meet the needs in each individual AAA’s service area.**

Must-read ARPA documents: ACL’s [programmatic FAQ](#) and [fiscal FAQ](#)

Additionally, **we urge you to get involved in conversations in your state on how to use the enhanced FMAP for Medicaid HCBS waivers** that was also passed in ARPA. The 10 percentage-point increase runs until March 31, 2022 and was intended by Congress—and the aging and disability advocates who fought for its inclusion including n4a—to be used to increase access to HCBS; it cannot be used by states to supplant existing funds. The use of these funds will take different forms in different states, but n4a urges you to identify what AAAs in your state collectively think should be done with this funding and advocate with your state Medicaid office or other advocates to ensure this one-time opportunity is a game changer to build capacity, spur innovation and lay the foundation for initiatives that address current and future needs. CMS is expected to release guidance to states soon on this FMAP boost, so stay tuned to n4a’s newsletters, emails and social media.

I want to close by noting that it has been a long 14 months since the pandemic hit and I am sure that you and your staff are exhausted, yet you continue to diligently serve the needs of older adults and caregivers in your community *every single day*. n4a is thrilled with our association’s advocacy success in securing major funding investments for the Aging Network, but we realize that the success of our advocacy was based on the hard work you have been doing to assist older adults and caregivers for the past year. We want to thank you. Your work has inspired us all!

We are looking forward to seeing what our incredible network does with the APRA investments and stand ready to support you at every step along the way.

Thank you for all you are doing and will do to help advance our shared vision: to build a society that values people as they age.

P.S. A great place to get programmatic ideas for your agency is the n4a Annual Conference & Tradeshow, July 19-22. [Learn more and register](#).

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LegislativeUPDATE

A MEMBER BENEFIT

n4a's Analysis of the President's FY 2022 Budget Proposal

June 8, 2021

On May 28, President Biden released his [FY 2022 budget request](#), providing Congress with a clear blueprint of the Administration's policy priorities for the coming years, most of which provide an ambitious investment in spending levels for discretionary federal programs like the Older Americans Act (OAA). While the President's budget frames congressional budget discussions, bipartisan support for his bold investments remains in question with a narrowly controlled Democratic Congress. Despite this fact, the Administration's bold proposal is closely aligned with the Aging Network's longstanding call for the critical investments necessary to support America's aging population. It also kicks off the larger conversations on our nation's budget, deficit and debt that Congress and the President will have to resolve before year's end.

The \$6 trillion budget includes \$1.5 trillion in annual discretionary funding, with a 16 percent proposed increase to the non-defense side of the discretionary budget (NDD). The boost reflects the Biden Administration's commitment to reinvest in NDD programs that strengthen education, science, expand support for vulnerable populations and rebuild basic government

functions to build a stronger and more equitable economy. The President's budget underscores a break from a decade of underinvestment in discretionary funding where funding has not kept pace with rising costs, increased need or both. The budget also reflects President Biden's \$2.25 trillion American Jobs Plan, with investments in caregiver and workforce infrastructure, as well as his \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan.

n4a is continuing to examine the President's budget with special attention given to programs that allow AAAs and their partners to meet the needs of the older adults and caregivers they serve. The following analysis focuses on key programs n4a members administer locally or those programs that the clients you serve rely upon, and is accompanied by n4a's updated [appropriations chart](#).

Discretionary Funding Details

Administration for Community Living (ACL), HHS

This year's presidential budget includes a surge in funding for programs serving older Americans and ACL's funding is no exception. Seeking to bolster our nation's public health infrastructure with a commitment to health equity and a focus on the health care workforce, President Biden has requested \$131.7 billion (a 23 percent increase) for the Department of Health and Human Services. Of that, ACL's proposed budget is \$3.1 billion, an increase of \$768 million (32 percent) above FY 2021. A vast majority of this funding is directed to a significant investment in key OAA programs and services (~ \$683 million). The FY 2022 budget request builds upon the Aging Network's successful pandemic response, which was made possible by substantial supplemental funding provided by Congress.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III B Supportive Services

In a win for n4a and OAA advocates, the most chronically underfunded title of OAA until this year—and a top appropriations priority for n4a—received a proposed 40 percent increase (\$158 million) reaching a total of \$551 million in FY 2022. This increase reflects the significant investment OAA advocates have championed for well over a decade and is aligned with the Administration's priority to support older adults and people with disabilities to receive services that enable them to remain in their homes and communities. n4a's FY 2022 request for III B is a doubling to reach \$785 million, so the President's request of \$551 million is a great addition to the case we are making to Congress for very substantial increases to this most flexible OAA funding stream.

OAA Title III C Nutrition

Title III C Nutrition Programs saw the largest OAA boost in the Biden budget, with a proposed 41 percent increase (\$390 million). The budget proposal rebalances nutrition funding to better reflect pandemic-era community needs, *decreasing* congregate meals (C1) from \$515 million in FY 2021 to \$467 million while increasing home-delivered meals (C2) from \$276 million to \$703 million. The Nutrition Services Incentive Program could also see an increase from \$160 million to \$169 million if Congress follows the President's lead. n4a supports increased funding for Title III C in FY 2022 and has supported calls from congressional champions to double the size of the program. The rebalancing between C1 and C2 makes sense to n4a given what you have told us about where past and current need is in the nutrition program, but we welcome additional input from our members on this proposal (policy@n4a.org).

OAA Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program

Another n4a top appropriations priority, Title III E would increase by \$61 million, a 32 percent increase over this year's funding levels to allow for the continuation of supports and services to family and informal caregivers—whose roles have become more complicated and often more stressful throughout the pandemic. This funding would avail critical relief to family and other caregivers who support individuals aging at home. n4a's request is a boost of 50 percent, to \$283.4 million, but we have also supported congressional and coalition calls to double III E to \$377.8 million.

OAA Title VI Native American Aging Programs

The Biden Administration has committed to strengthening support for Native American tribes specifically around reliable, affordable, quality health care and addressing long-suffering disparities impacting the most vulnerable populations within Indian Country, so there are many important proposals including a 36 percent increase in Indian Health Service funding in this budget. For OAA Title VI Native American aging programs, we are thrilled that the President's budget mirrors n4a's request to double Part A! The budget would increase Title VI Part A to \$70 million so that tribes can provide nutrition and supportive services to some of America's most vulnerable older adults. Part C, the caregiver program within Title VI, would see a 45 percent increase (to \$16 million) if enacted; n4a has requested \$21.6 million, which is a doubling of the current level.

OAA Title III D Evidence-Based Health Programs

Preventive health programs dedicated to evidence-based interventions received only a very modest funding increase of \$1.5 million in the budget. n4a's position is that III D should also be doubled in FY 2022.

OAA Long-Term Care Ombudsman/Elder Abuse

The proposed \$11.3 million (58 percent) increase in funding builds on American Rescue Plan aid and invests in the preparation for and the return to on-site visitation and post-pandemic in-person contact with loved ones in long-term care facilities. The President's budget request nearly mirrors n4a's goal of reaching \$35 million for this critical program.

Other ACL Programs

Funding for **Aging and Disability Resource Centers** (ADRCs) received a bold increase of \$15.3 million, which reflects the Administration's continued commitment to evolving and building out ADRC/No Wrong Door (NWD) systems by creating a nationwide NWD resource center and supporting a joint ACL/CMS National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems. If approved, the proposed funding would also expand competitive ADRC grants to states from eight to up to 25 grants nationally.

State Health Insurance Assistance Programs received an increase of \$3.1 million to reach \$55.2 million to support older adults navigating the Medicare enrollment process—well shy of n4a's request of \$79.5 million to reflect the increase in the number of Medicare beneficiaries.

Lifespan Respite Care was doubled to \$14.2 million in the President's proposed budget to address existing gaps in respite care for older adults and people with disabilities.

Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services received a \$1 million increase in requested funding which would continue ongoing Elder Justice work, including support to programs that ensure the rights of older adults are protected in guardianship court proceedings, as well as to expand programs addressing elder abuse and neglect due to the opioid crisis.

Other Federal Programs

The **Community Services Block Grant** received a \$9 million increase for a total of \$754 million, while the **Social Services Block Grant** would continue to receive level funding at \$1.7 billion. The request for the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program** (LIHEAP) reflected a modest \$100 million increase from last year's budget request for discretionary funding of \$3.85 billion.

The President proposed a \$20.2 million increase (for a total of \$244.5 million) for the three programs under the AmeriCorps Senior umbrella—RSVP, the Foster Grandparent Program and the Senior Companion Program.

Senior Housing

The Administration's budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) boosts investment in housing to \$68.7 billion, a 15 percent increase, or \$9 billion. The President's budget recommends a \$73 million increase over FY 2021 for Section 202 Housing for the Elderly program is recommended for a total of \$928 million. Of that, \$700 million would go to renewals and amendments of Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRACs) and Senior Preservation Rental Assistance Contracts (SPRACs). Proposed funding also includes a \$100 million investment to increase the supply of affordable housing by approximately 1,100 units.

Transportation

The President's Department of Transportation (DOT) request includes \$13.5 billion—a \$533 million increase over FY 2021 enacted levels—for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The budget request incorporates \$7.5 million in technical assistance and training activities. This is the funding source for the n4a and Easterseals-led **National Aging and Disability Transportation**

Center (NADTC), an FTA technical assistance program to assist local communities and states in expanding and providing transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. n4a has requested at least \$5 million for this technical assistance program and is thrilled with the President's higher level of proposed investment and will be urging Congress to follow through.

Mandatory Funding

Mandatory spending is separate from the appropriated, or discretionary, funding our annual budget analysis usually addresses. It flows automatically as needed, based on the laws Congress has crafted, until they change that law. Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security are examples of programs largely driven by mandatory funding.

The **Prevention and Public Health Fund** (PPHF), created in 2010 by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), provides a source of mandatory funding for activities devoted to boosting public health and using proven prevention strategies to reduce Americans' rates of illness and disability. What is unique about the PPHF, however, is that while the funding is set statutorily by ACA, the determination on which programs it will be spent on in any given year is up to Congress. So appropriators don't have to "find" the money, but they do get to divvy it up, which is different than regular appropriations processes.

The Biden Administration has proposed continued level funding of two programs administered by ACL: \$8 million for **Chronic Disease Self-Management Program** (CDSMP), \$5 million for **Elder Falls Prevention** and \$14.7 million for **Alzheimer's Initiative: Caregiver**.

Funded by the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program (HCFAC), the **ACL-administered Senior Medicare Patrol** received a two million increase for a total of \$20 million to provide local outreach and education for

Medicare beneficiaries to prevent, detect and report health care fraud, errors and abuse.

What Happens Next?

The budget process and President Biden's infrastructure package negotiations are expected to continue throughout the summer. Our advocacy charge will continue and Congress will need to hear directly from their constituents who benefit from the OAA programs and services that you deliver. Read our [2021 Policy Priorities](#) and participate in [n4a's FY 2022 Appropriations Campaign](#) to engage with your elected officials and stay tuned for updates and advocacy action steps throughout the summer!

This *Legislative Update* is an n4a membership benefit. For more information about these and other federal aging policy issues, please contact n4a's policy team: Amy Gotwals and Monica Billger at policy@n4a.org, 202.872.0888.

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Project Summary Report

KY202105110819**Title:** Crofton Park Improvement Project

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	City of Crofton		Federal: \$50,000.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$50,000.00
Federal: NPS	Daniel Lacy	Jared Nelson	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 15.916	(270) 424-5111	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Christian	cityofcrofton@att.net	jared.nelson@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$100,000.00
Desc.: The City of Crofton is seeing Land and Water Conservation Fund grant assistance to replace lighting and utility poles around the perimeter of the baseball/softball field in Gordon Park, at 13731 North Old Madisonville Road in Crofton. Project work will begin upon grant award and funding availability.			

KY202105170845**Title:** Christian County Ruff Park Improvements Project

Project Information	Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information
WRIS:	Christian County Fiscal Court		Federal: \$250,000.00
Status: Approved			Applicant: \$250,000.00
Federal: NPS	Steve Tribble	Amy Frogue	State: \$0.00
CFDA: 15.916	(270) 887-4100	(270) 886-9484	Local: \$0.00
County: Christian	cjst@christiancountyky.gov	amy.frogue@ky.gov	Program: \$0.00
			Other: \$0.00
(List):			TOTAL: \$500,000.00
Desc.: The Christian County Fiscal Court is requesting LWCF funds to make improvements at Ruff Park located on Litchfield Drive, just off of North Drive in Hopkinsville, KY (36-887082, -87.493732). Improvements to be made under this application include the reconstruction of a concession stand/restroom facility, lighting for the baseball/softball fields, and new playground equipment.			

KY202105250890

Title: Healthy Living Walking Trail

Project Information		Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information	
WRIS:		City of Salem		Federal:	\$130,000.00
Status:	Under Review			Applicant:	\$20,000.00
Federal:	RTP	Gary Damron	Angie Crawford	State:	\$0.00
CFDA:	20.219	(270) 988-2600	(270) 484-6352	Local:	\$0.00
County:	Livingston	taylor75@tds.net	angela.crawford@ky.gov	Program:	\$0.00
(List):				Other:	\$0.00
				TOTAL:	\$150,000.00
Desc.:	The City of Salem proposes to construct a walking trail behind the Livingston Community Hospital located at 131 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY 42078. The walking trail will be 8 feet wide and approximately 1 mile in length. Additional parking will be included. Also, benches along the trail will be included.				

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Title: Elkton-Todd County Park Improvements

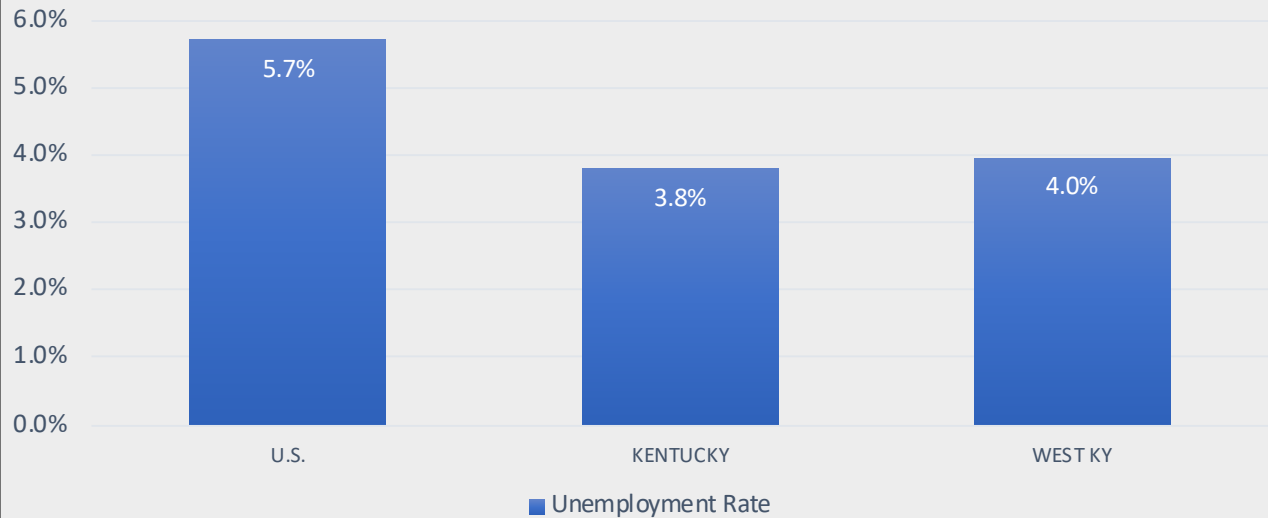
Project Information		Applicant Information	Submitter Information	Funding Information	
WRIS:		City of Elkton		Federal:	\$123,000.00
Status:	Under Review			Applicant:	\$123,000.00
Federal:	NPS	Arthur Green	Laura Brock	State:	\$0.00
CFDA:	15.916	(270) 265-9877	(270) 265-9877	Local:	\$0.00
County:	Todd	agreen@elktonky.com	city_clerk@elktonky.com	Program:	\$0.00
(List):				Other:	\$0.00
				TOTAL:	\$246,000.00
Desc.:	The City of Elkton (project sponsor) and Elkton-Todd County Recreation Commission are proposing to renovate and repair facilities in the Elkton-Todd County Park. Deteriorating wood light poles will be replaced on one ball field. New playground equipment will be purchased to replace old, deteriorating equipment.				

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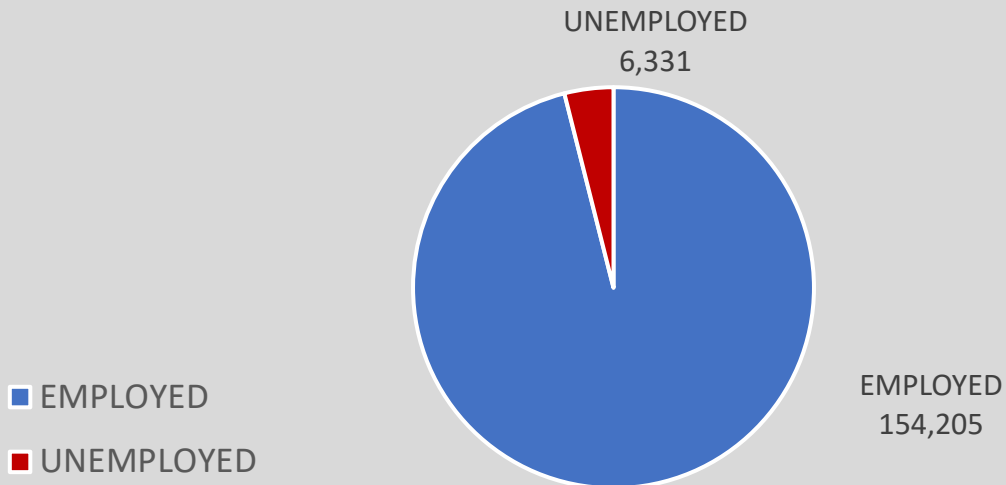
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Overall View of Unemployment Rates April 2021



Purchase / Pennyrile Local Workforce Area

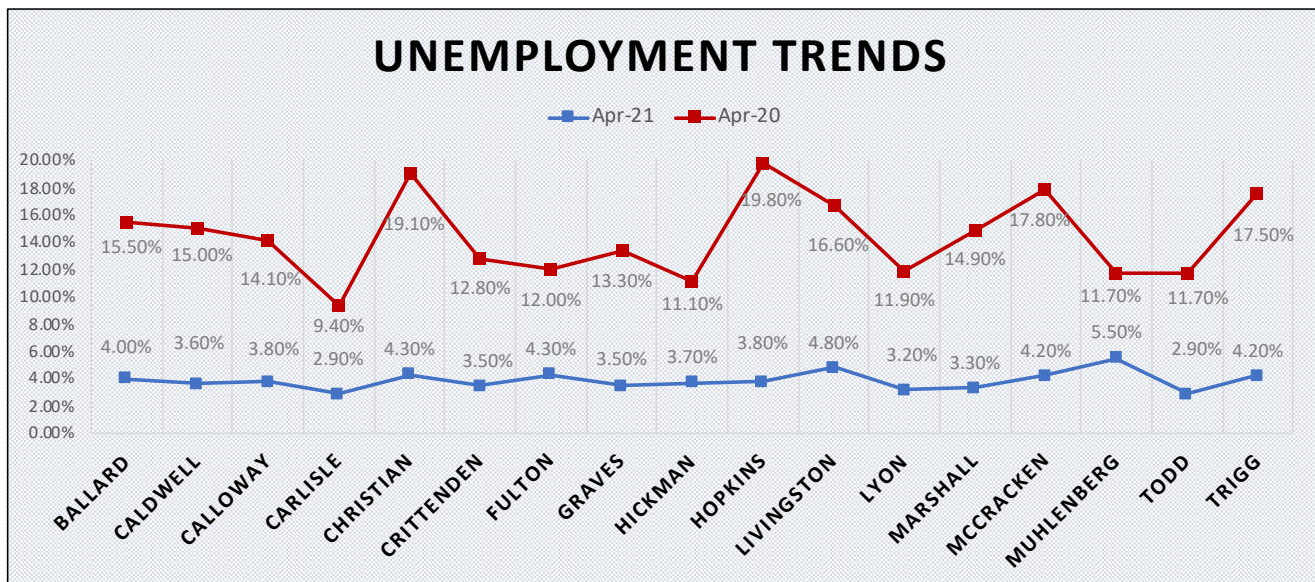


Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

West Kentucky Unemployment Rates

April 2020 – April 2021

COUNTY	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21
Local Area	15.5	10.2	4.8	5.2	7.7	5.4	7.1	5.4	6.2	5.6	5.5	5.4	4.0
BALLARD	14.7	9.2	4.5	5.0	7.2	5.2	7.1	5.5	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.5	4.0
CALDWELL	14.6	8.6	4.5	5.0	7.3	5.3	6.7	5.0	5.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	3.6
CALLOWAY	12.7	7.8	4.4	4.7	6.8	4.8	6.5	5.1	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.1	3.8
CARLISLE	8.7	5.5	3.0	3.6	4.9	3.8	4.9	3.8	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.3	2.9
CHRISTIAN	17.9	12.0	5.7	5.9	8.5	6.0	7.4	5.5	6.1	5.5	5.5	5.6	4.3
CRITTENDEN	11.8	7.3	3.7	4.1	5.9	4.2	5.8	4.0	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.9	3.5
FULTON	11.2	8.0	5.2	5.4	8.3	6.4	7.1	4.7	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.5	4.3
GRAVES	12.9	8.0	4.4	4.7	6.9	4.9	6.7	5.2	5.9	5.2	5.1	4.9	3.5
HICKMAN	10.5	6.4	3.7	3.9	5.7	4.4	5.3	3.9	4.9	4.7	4.6	5.0	3.7
HOPKINS	20.3	13.3	6.0	5.7	8.4	5.7	7.7	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	3.8
LIVINGSTON	15.4	11.0	5.3	5.6	8.1	6.2	8.2	6.3	7.8	7.6	8.2	7.1	4.8
LYON	11.3	6.7	3.6	4.0	6.3	4.9	6.3	4.8	5.6	5.2	5.0	5.0	3.2
MARSHALL	13.9	8.6	4.2	4.4	6.4	4.6	6.4	5.0	5.9	5.5	5.6	4.9	3.3
MCCRACKEN	16.9	10.9	5.4	5.6	8.2	5.8	7.9	6.0	6.9	6.1	5.9	5.8	4.2
MUHLENBERG	16.1	11.6	6.2	6.9	10.3	7.2	9.4	7.1	7.7	7.3	7.1	6.9	5.5
TODD	11.7	7.1	3.3	3.7	5.4	3.8	4.6	3.3	4.0	3.6	3.5	3.8	2.9
TRIGG	17.1	10.0	4.7	5.0	7.1	5.6	6.7	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.5	4.2



Source: Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)

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**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NOMINATING COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
JUNE 7, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judge Steve Tribble, Nominating Committee Chair
Bart Frazer, Past Board Chair
Mayor Jan Yonts

STAFF: Jason Vincent

- I. **Call to Order** - Judge Steve Tribble, Chairman, called the Nominating Committee meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with attendance recorded.
- II. **Reappointments/Appointments** - Citizen Members serving on the Pennyrile Area Development District Board of Directors are nominated by the County Judge Executive or Mayor to serve three-year terms. The Nominating Committee is appointed to review the list of names provided for board members whose terms are expiring. As a member of the Nominating Committee, I present the following slate of candidates to serve three-year terms on the Board of Directors of the Pennyrile Area Development District beginning July 1, 2021.

Caldwell County	New Appointment	David Williams – Retired state manager for Woodmen of the World and former Mayor of City of Fredonia.
	New Appointment	Jim Seibert – Mayor, City of Fredonia.
Christian County	Reappointment	Lori Harper – Vice President of the West Kentucky Office for Rogers Group Inc. Has served on the PADD board since July 2009.
	New Appointment	Nikki Durham – CAO Administrative Coordinator, City of Hopkinsville.
Crittenden County	New Appointment	Roger Simpson – Retired airline pilot, Vietnam Veteran, and part-time farmer. Has served on the PADD Board since May 2016.
Todd County	Reappointment	Scott Marshall – Past Board Chairman and former Mayor of City of Guthrie. Has served on the PADD Board since July 2012.
	New Appointment	Martha Jo Ray – Mayor, City of Trenton.

Motion made by Mayor Jan Yonts to accept the reappointments and new appointments as presented with recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval at the June 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Bart Frazer seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**PENNYRILE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
NOMINATING COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
JUNE 7, 2021 – 2:00 P.M.**

- III. **Adjournment** - With no further business, **Motion** was made by Mr. Bart Frazer to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Mayor Jan Yonts seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Judge Executive Steve Tribble
Nominating Committee Chairman

Date

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PADD BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - 2021

PADD Board Member Service Awards - 5 Years

Mayor Chris Phelps, Mayor, City of Morton's Gap

Mr. Roger Simpson, Citizen Member, Crittenden County

Mr. Terry Stringer, Citizen Member, Livingston County

PADD Board Member Service Awards – 10 Years

Judge Perry Newcom, Judge Executive, Crittenden County

Judge Wade White, Judge Executive, Lyon County

Outgoing PADD Board Members

Mr. Charles "Nicky" Baker, Caldwell County, 2015-2021

Mr. Mike Cherry, City of Princeton, 2018-2021

Ms. JoAnn Holder, Todd County, 2015-2021

Rev. Buddy Slaughter, Christian County, 2015-2021

PADD STAFF SERVICE AWARDS - 2021

10 Years

Cindy Tabor, Long Term Care Ombudsman

15 Years

Amanda Stokes, Aging Planner/In-Home Services Manager

20 Years

Juliet Allen, Workforce Programs Coordinator

Angela Gore, Aging Administrative Assistant

Tammy Hyde, Workforce Training/Data Specialist

MaryAnne Medlock, Workforce Business Liaison

Alisha Sutton, Administrative Officer

June 11, 2021



HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- **Transportation and Infrastructure Negotiations Continue**
- **Registration is Open for NADO's 2021 Annual Training Conference**
- **Save the Date: 2021 Four State Economic Development Conference set to Occur September 13-15 in Kansas City, MO**
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- **SWREDA to Hold 2021 Conference in September**
- **Planning and Environment Linkages Resources and Training Needs Query**
- **U.S. DOT ROUTES Initiative Announces New Web Resources**
- **Opportunities and Job Announcements**

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Transportation and Infrastructure Negotiations Continue

This week, a series of negotiations between President Biden and lead GOP infrastructure negotiator Senator Capito came to a halt without a deal being reached. Following the stalled talks, a new group of bipartisan lawmakers has emerged who are encouraging a bipartisan agreement on an infrastructure deal. Transportation and infrastructure proposals that have been put forward thus far have included the Biden Administration's now \$1.7 trillion [*American Jobs Plan*](#) and \$1.8 trillion [*American Families Plan*](#) as well as Senate Republicans' [*\\$928 billion infrastructure counteroffer*](#). On Wednesday, the Problem Solvers Caucus also unveiled a [*\\$1.25*](#)

[trillion infrastructure plan](#) in an effort to help encourage a bipartisan agreement on infrastructure legislation. The House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee also approved its \$547 billion surface transportation reauthorization proposal, the [INVEST in America Act](#), this week while the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved a [\\$311 billion surface transportation reauthorization bill](#) in May.

NADO NEWS AND NOTES

Registration is Open for NADO's 2021 Annual Training Conference

NADO's 2021 Annual Training Conference (ATC) will be held from October 16-19 in Portland, Oregon. Please plan to join your peers from around the country to reconnect and reunite. NADO's 2021 ATC will include many networking opportunities to promote information sharing among attendees, and a diverse slate of topics during plenary and breakout sessions, learning labs, mobile workshops, and conversation cafés. The conference agenda is forthcoming. Portland is an exciting city that offers something for everyone: a vibrant arts scene; world class eateries and breweries; an abundance of hiking, biking, paddling and other outdoor activities; quirky neighborhoods; and much more. Learn more about Portland [here](#). Take advantage of savings on the conference cost by registering before September 14; [click here](#) to register at the early bird rate. The conference will be held at the [Hilton Portland Downtown](#). You can reserve your rooms at the discounted rate by [clicking here](#). More detailed information on this year's ATC will be made available in the coming months on [NADO.org](#), in NADO News, and through direct communications from NADO.

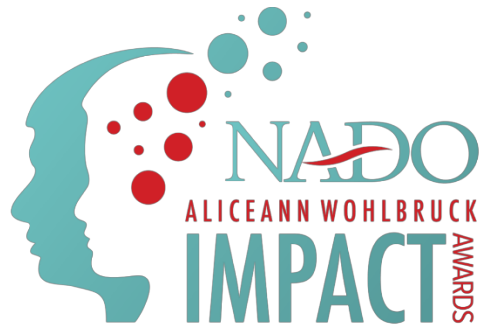
Save the Date: 2021 Four State Economic Development Conference set to Occur September 13-15 in Kansas City, MO

The 2021 Four State Economic Development Conference is being planned by the NADO Research Foundation, the Iowa Association of Councils of Governments, and a planning committee of Economic Development District (EDD) executive directors from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. The conference agenda is under development and will be made available soon [here](#). The conference will be held at the Marriott Country Club Plaza; a special conference room rate of \$123 is available until August 16, 2021. Registration for the event will open soon. [Click here](#) for information about the conference, links to reserve rooms at the hotel, and to register for the conference. The conference is being provided with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Denver Regional Office.

Recording and Slides Now Available from Webinar on Rural Wealth Creation Strategies for Nuclear Host Communities

The recording, slides, and additional resources from the NADO Research Foundation's [webinar](#) on rural wealth creation strategies for nuclear host communities are now available. All nuclear host communities will eventually face a crossroads in determining what kind of place they will be following the closure of the plant. Whether closure is imminent or not anticipated for many years, it is never too early to start planning for the post-nuclear future of your community and a wealth creation strategy is a valuable approach to support economic diversification and resilience. Learn about multiple forms of capital, value chains, and an asset-based approach to economic development. Click [here](#) to access the recording. This webinar was delivered through the [Nuclear Communities Technical Assistance Program](#) funded by the [U.S. Economic](#)

[Development Administration \(EDA\)](#). Have questions about the webinar or the technical assistance program? Contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org.



Your Organization is Making an Impact in Your Region.
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Get Recognized for Your Work! Apply for a 2021 NADO Impact Award Today

The application window for the [2021 Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Awards](#) is open now **through July 16, 2021**. Each year, NADO recognizes its member organizations that demonstrate valuable and effective approaches to regional economic and community development through our awards program. The Impact Awards (formerly known as the Innovation Awards), have recognized over 2,000 NADO member projects since 1986 for their creative efforts in advancing regional economic development and improved quality of life. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply and learn about last year's winners in our awards [Story Map](#). Contact Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@nado.org with any questions. We look forward to your applications.

SWREDA to Hold 2021 Conference in September

The Southwest Region Economic Development Association (SWREDA), an association of Economic Development District (EDD) staff in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, will hold the 2021 SWREDA Conference, *Collaboration: The Key to Resilience*, from **September 1-3, 2021**. The NADO Research Foundation (NADO RF) and the SWREDA Board of Directors are planning this event with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Austin Regional Office. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Rogers, Arkansas. The deadline to reserve rooms at the discounted conference rate of \$129 is July 12, 2021. Click [here](#) to make hotel reservations. NADO RF is managing the conference registration process and the deadline for the conference early bird rate of \$345 is July 12, 2021. For more information and to register for the conference, click [here](#).

Planning and Environment Linkages Resources and Training Needs Query

The NADO Research Foundation is collecting information about rural and smaller metropolitan regional-level transportation planning, in particular Planning Environment Linkages (PEL) and project delivery. We would like to hear how environmental considerations are incorporated into your planning process, how public involvement helps to identify potential environmental impacts, and how environmental considerations have bolstered project delivery in your region.

Please take a moment to complete [a short questionnaire](#) on your agency's current approach to PEL and the types of planning resources or training that you would find helpful for your work.

Responses are requested by June 11. Thank you for your input.

With support from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NADO will work in 2021-2023 to build capacity around the connection between environmental considerations and the regional planning process through research, preparation of resource materials, and development of virtual or in-person training sessions. These activities will support NADO member organizations and peers by increasing awareness of regional transportation planning organizations (RTPOs) and small metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) roles in conducting PEL; identifying practices for considering environmental, community, and economic information early in the transportation planning process and linking that information to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning; and by increasing knowledge of how PEL can reduce barriers to project development and improve project delivery.

U.S. DOT ROUTES Initiative Announces New Web Resources

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) has two new resources on the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) [website](#). The resources include a [rural eligibility map](#) that shows what is considered "rural" for several U.S. DOT discretionary grant programs, as well as financing through the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program. To identify rural area eligibility, click the Funding Programs layers icon in the upper left corner of the map dashboard and then click on a federal program. Another new resource is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) [rural landing page](#) which consolidates resources available for rural roads and upcoming NHTSA events.

U.S. DOT Announces Request for Information on Transportation Data and Assessment Methods

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) has announced a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to obtain input from the public on the data and assessment tools available to assess transportation equity. Through this RFI, U.S. DOT is seeking information and recommendations in the field of transportation equity from the public, including public agencies, academics involved in the study of equity in transportation decision-making, advocacy, not-for-profit institutions working in the transportation sector or the field of equity, and State, local, Tribal, and territorial stakeholders. U.S. DOT will use the responses it receives to inform its approach as it expands the use of data and equity-assessment methods to advance transportation equity goals. Responses must be submitted by **June 24, 2021**. To view the RFI, click [here](#). U.S. DOT is also hosting a [public information session](#) on **June 18 at 2 p.m. ET** that will feature opening remarks from Secretary Pete Buttigieg and promote the [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) on Transportation Equity Data. [Register here](#) for the live event or watch the live stream from the U.S. DOT website.

Virtual Mini-Course on Section 5310 Public Transportation Funding to Enhance Service

On **June 18, 21, and 28 at 2-3:30 p.m. ET each day**, the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center will offer the virtual course "Promising Practices Using Section 5310 Funding to Enhance Service." Various speakers who represent human service and public transit agencies will discuss using Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities funds,

followed by an opportunity for Q&A. Participants will also have access to a pre-recorded webinar that provides an overview of Section 5310 requirements. [Register for the course here.](#)

National Center for Mobility Management Announces Funding Opportunity and Data Standards Survey

The [National Center for Mobility Management \(NCMM\)](#) has announced an opportunity to apply for [Community Mobility Design Challenge](#) 2021 grants to support communities seeking innovative ways to improve transportation access for community members who face transportation barriers in advancing their personal well-being. Grants of up to \$25,000 will be available for design and planning purposes and applicant organizations must be non-profits or government agencies that are able to receive or be a subrecipient of federal funding. To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#). The application deadline is **July 23, 2021**. NCMM is a U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-funded technical assistance center.

NCMM is also seeking state and local input on transportation data standards. The [NCMM Transportation Data Standards Survey](#) will gather state and local transportation and human services stakeholders' input on the landscape of collecting, reporting, sharing, and coordinating transportation-related data. Survey results will be used to help the [Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility \(CCAM\)](#) address one of the transportation coordination challenges identified in the [2020 Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Report to the President](#): the need for transportation data collection guidance.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Releases 2020 Traffic Fatality Projections

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has [released](#) its 2020 Early Estimate of Traffic Fatalities. 38,680 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes, representing an estimated increase of about 7.2 percent from 2019. During the same period, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) indicates that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by about 430.2 billion miles or about a 13.2-percent decrease. Read more at the [NHTSA website](#).

New: Innovative Practices for Transit Planning at Small to Mid-Sized Agencies

A new Transportation Research Board report “Innovative Practices for Transit Planning at Small to Mid-Sized Agencies” discusses ways that public transportation providers are addressing challenges related to ridership levels, demographic shifts, first and last-mile connections, funding and more. [Read online or download a free PDF copy.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Northland Regional COG seeks Director of Transportation

The [Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments \(INRCOG\)](#) in Waterloo, Iowa, is seeking a Director of Transportation. The Director of Transportation oversees the administration and supervision of INRCOG's Transportation Programs including the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority, Safe Routes to School program, and OnBoard Public Transit, a service of the Iowa Northland Regional Transit

Commission and INRCOG. A bachelor's degree in planning, business administration/management, or public administration with an emphasis on transportation planning or a related field is preferred. Five years of metropolitan and/or regional transportation planning and/or transit operations/planning experience is required. Experience should include at least one year of supervisory duties. For more information on this position and how to apply, click [here](#).

Region Nine Development Commission seeks Lending Specialist

Region Nine Development Commission in Mankato, Minnesota is seeking a Lending Specialist. The Lending Specialist will assist in the administration of the Revolving Loan Fund program, and other duties as it relates to fostering entrepreneurship and providing access to capital. This position will facilitate a department transition of the program and will advance to the primary administrator of the lending program. Work areas may include providing technical assistance to local units of government, businesses, and the general public on a variety of planning and development topics, such as Revolving Loan Funds, economic development, workforce development, and community development. A bachelor's degree in business administration, finance, banking, accounting, or closely related field, plus three years of experience is required. A master's degree may be substituted for two years of experience. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license. Experience as a commercial loan officer preferred. For more information on this position click [here](#).

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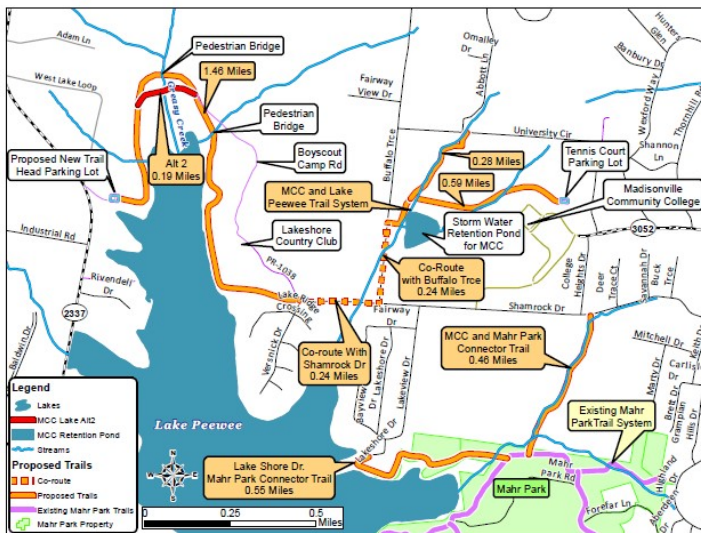
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Community & Economic Development

Hopkins County Bike and Walking Trail Master Plan

The Pennyriple ADD Staff is helping Hopkins County with the development of a Bike and Walking Trail Master Plan. The primary goal of the Bike and Walking Trail Master Plan, is to improve the quality of life in Hopkins County by increasing opportunities to walk and bike, in and around, the various cities. A State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) Grant was obtained to fund the study, which recommended new trails and sidewalk systems that are designed to provide safe infrastructure for walking, biking and jogging.



Walking and bicycling have many benefits to health to include lowering blood pressure, increasing circulation and reducing body fat and diabetes.

One of the major elements of designing a comprehensive Bike and Walking Trail Plan is to connect major destination points like residential neighborhoods to parks, schools, commercial districts or industrial parks. These multi-use trails and sidewalks serve dual purpose for both exercise and transportation.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation funding available

Kentucky Emergency Management has announced the availability of funding through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in regard to two declared disasters: the **DR-4592** Severe Winter Storms, Landslides, and Mudslides, February 8-19, 2021 and **DR-4595** Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides, February 27-March 14, 2021.

Federal funds are now available for eligible projects which will reduce damages from future events. FEMA HMGP funds will cover 75% of the eligible costs of an approved project with the non-federal share typically split between the state (12%) and the local applicant (13%). The local share may be general funds, in-kind services directly related to the project, or funds received from other sources which can be used to match federal funds.

Typical types of **REGULAR** eligible projects include the acquisition/demolition or elevation of flood-prone or landslide-prone structures, engineered storm water control projects, community tornado safe-rooms, flood-proofing of non-residential buildings, seismic retrofits, and utility protective measures.

Up to 10% of the HMGP funding may be used for **INITIATIVE** projects for which a benefit cost analysis is difficult or impossible to conduct. Typically, this category of funding has been awarded for outdoor warning sirens, NOAA weather radios, other types of warning systems, generators, and mitigation educational outreach projects.

City and County governments and Emergency Managers can apply through the CHAMPS system until **Friday, July 16, 2021.**

If you have an interest in applying, please contact Angie Crawford, Jared Nelson, or Amy Frogue at the PADD office at 270-886-9484.

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Grapevine Lake Bike Trails Grand Opening

On Saturday, June 5, 2021, the grand reveal of the Grapevine Recreational Trails at Madisonville's Grapevine Lake Park was held. Approximately nine miles of trail have been constructed or improved by Rogue Trails, a team of professional trail builders based in Arkansas, and are now open to all mountain bikers and hikers.

The event began at 10:00 am, with a ribbon cutting at 10:30 followed by a group ride on the new trails. Attendance was high with many people from the local area as well as nearby states.



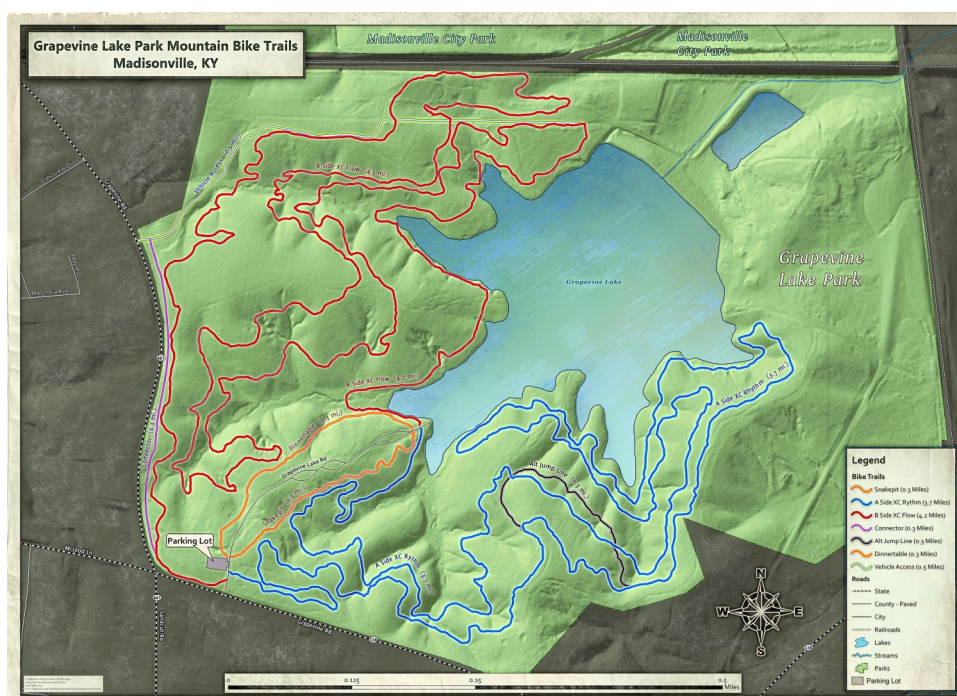
Prior to the event, Project Manager James Sargent GPS mapped the completed trails, and PADD GIS Manager Paige Carlisle assisted with preparation and display of this data. The map showcases the trails and terrain and will be mounted on display at the park once the display kiosk is completed. BReeZ Cycle



Works, Rogue Trails, the Southwest Kentucky Mountain Bicycling Association, and others offered demonstrations and instructional classes.

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Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

World Elder Abuse Day is celebrated annually on June 15, and serves to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older people by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. In addition, WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue. In a society that values the just treatment of all people, WEAAD reminds us that elder abuse has implications for all of us, and so it's important to find the right solutions to it. WEAAD is a **call-to-action** for society's individuals, organizations, and communities to educate each other on how to identify, address and prevent abuse so we can all do our part to support everyone as we age. **Please visit the Administration for Community Living and National Center on Elder Abuse** for more ideas to bring awareness to this growing issue. A few examples are listed below.

Participate in the #WEAAD615 Challenge!



NCEA
National Center on Elder Abuse

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY is June 15th!

OR

Social Media Guide - Add a WEAAD Frame to your Facebook profile photo

You can add a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) frame to your profile picture to show your support and spread awareness of elder abuse.

To add a WEAAD frame to your profile picture:

1. Go to www.facebook.com/profilepicframes
2. Using the search field, enter one of the following to select the frame you want to use:

1. #Walk4WEAAD
2. WEAADCaravan
3. WEAAD 1
4. WEAAD 2

3. Click "Use as Profile Picture" to save.

Reopening of Senior Centers

The senior centers in the Pennyryle region have been closed since March 16, 2020, in effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective July 1, 2021, all nine senior centers will be reopening and resuming services. CDC guidelines will be followed in order to safely reopen our Senior Centers. Curbside meals will continue to be provided at all senior centers in July.

State and federally funded home delivered meals continue to be provided in all nine counties and an additional 1,325 individuals have received home delivered meals based on additional federal funding related to COVID-19. From March 16, 2020 to May 21, 2021, a total of 2,278 clients in the Pennyryle Region were provided with 327,412 meals (curbside and home delivered meals).

Additional services such as homemaking and personal care continued to be provided, following CDC guidelines related to COVID-19, with federal and state funding to individuals in the Pennyryle Region. Currently there is a waiting list for in-home services.

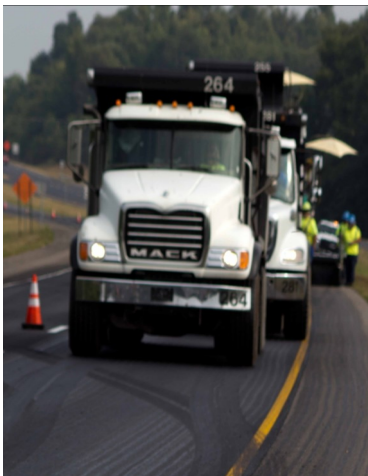
Individuals needing meals or in-home assistance can contact the Pennyryle Aging & Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396 for more information, eligibility screening, and referral to potential services/programs.

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 Pennyryle Area Development District in Hopkinsville, KY at (866) 844-4396 or (270) 886-9484.

West Kentucky Workforce

WIOA Success Stories



Nathan Smith-Briggs & Stratton

Nathan Smith lost his job at Briggs & Stratton in January 2020 as a result of the company closing their plant in Murray, KY. Since Briggs & Stratton was certified as a Trade eligible company, Nathan was able to use this opportunity to go back

to school to learn a new skill. He had already made up his mind that he wanted to go to truck driving school to get a Class A CDL. He applied for the Trade benefits that were available to him through Kentucky Career Center services and was approved to attend CDL training at West Kentucky Community & Technical College in March, funded by the West Kentucky Workforce Board.

Due to COVID-19, the CDL training was postponed multiple times. He finally began the four-week CDL course in July 2020. He finished the class and obtained his Class A CDL on 7/31/2020. He went to work for a local construction company, Jim Smith Contracting, on 8/19/2020. He was hired as an Escort Driver and he also drives a dump truck as needed. He reported that he is making more money now than he has ever made in his life, with a wage of \$19.30 per hour. He is very thankful for the services he received and he expressed his gratitude by stating, "If it wasn't for this program, I'm not sure if I would have had an opportunity as great and challenging as this one. I'm very thankful for all you have done."

Hopkins County Job Expo

The Hopkins County Job Expo occurred on June 8, 2021 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Ballard Convention Center in Madisonville. There were 53 employers and community partners/agencies in attendance, with approximately 1,200 available jobs represented. Due to hardships created by COVID-19, small businesses may not have the workforce capacity to attend a job fair at this time; as a special offering at this year's event, small

businesses of 15 employees or less were invited to provide Hopkins County Job Expo committee members applications or information their business would like distributed to job seekers who attended the Expo. That information was provided to each job seeker the day of the event in a bag they could take home.

Hopkins County Job Expo committee members are from the following organizations: Madisonville Community College, Baptist Health-Madisonville, Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation, Hopkins County Attorney's Office, Murray State University-Madisonville Regional Campus, Workforce Connections/You Make A Difference CNA programs, and the West Kentucky Workforce Board.

Upcoming Job Fair

THE
COMEBACK

JOBFAIR

Over 80 Employers
Over 2,000 Job Openings

THURSDAY
JUNE 17, 2021

11 AM - 5 PM

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HOPKINSVILLE, KY 42240

- Door Prizes to be Given Away
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<https://wkworkforce.work/comeback-jobfair> for more information.

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Milestone Service Recognition

We would like to recognize the following Board members and Staff who are celebrating Milestone Years of Service to Pennyrile Area Development District. Thank you for your service and continued support.



PADD Board of Directors celebrating five (5) years of service:

Chris Phelps, Mayor, City of Morton's Gap
Roger Simpson, Citizen Member, Crittenden County
Terry Stringer, Citizen Member, Livingston County

PADD Board of Directors celebrating five (10) years of service:

Perry Newcom, Judge Executive, Crittenden County
Wade White, Judge Executive, Lyon County

PADD Employee - Ten (10) years of service:

Cindy Tabor, Long Term Care Ombudsman

PADD Employees - Fifteen (15) years of service:

Amanda Stokes, Aging Planner/In-Home Services Manager

PADD Employee - Twenty (20) years of service:

Juliet Allen, Workforce Programs Coordinator
Angela Gore, Aging Administrative Assistant
Tammy Hyde, Workforce Training/Data Specialist
MaryAnne Medlock, Workforce Business Liaison
Alisha Sutton, Administrative Officer

Employee Recognition



Tammy Hyde, Workforce Training/Data Specialist began working at PADD on June 25, 2001 and is celebrating 20 years of service this month. Tammy is responsible for providing training to the workforce staff and contracted providers, as well as overseeing data management and reporting activities. She is the contact and facilitator for eligible

training providers, training outcomes, and case management/counseling documentation. Tammy works with the Department of Labor, state staff, and contractors in the development of the state's data management systems, reporting, and performance.

While employed at PADD, Tammy earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and her Master of Science degree in Organizational Communication from Murray State University. Prior to working at PADD, Tammy was employed by BB&T (formerly NationsBank of Kentucky) in Hopkinsville, where she worked for 10 years in various positions, including Branch Manager. Tammy is an active member of Blue Spring Baptist Church, where she serves as a Sunday School teacher. She enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends. Tammy would like to thank PADD and the West Kentucky Workforce Board for the opportunities she has been given to serve the region over the last 20 years, and she looks forward to future endeavors.

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