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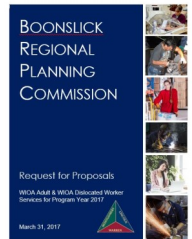
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Boonslick Regional Planning Commission Awarded Contract to Deliver Workforce Development Programs

The Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board has announced that BRPC has been awarded a contract to deliver the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) programs for Adult and Dislocated Workers for residents of Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren counties. The contract period for the WIOA programs runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The programs are delivered through the Missouri Job Center in Warrenton.



WIOA legislation was designed to help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers. Training and education are available for eligible participants in the Adult and Dislocated Worker programs. Job seekers also have access to the Job Center for free services including career planning and preparation, job search activities, and helpful workshops.

WIOA'S THREE HALLMARKS OF EXCELLENCE

- The needs of businesses and workers drive workforce solutions and local boards are accountable to communities in which they are located
- One-Stop Centers (or American Job Centers) provide excellent customer service to job seekers and employers and focus on continuous improvement
- The workforce system supports strong regional economies and plays an active role in community and workforce development

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission has had the honor and pleasure of operating Workforce Development programs in the region for many years. Missouri Job Center staff members are highly dedicated to serving both job seekers and employers. The Job Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call (636) 456-9467 or contact Job Center Functional Leader Janet Hickey at jhickey@boonslick.org if you have any questions or are interested in services that might be of benefit to you!



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Director's Update



The legislative session is over, summer is fast approaching, and transportation infrastructure remains as a top priority for the Boonslick region. We are in the midst of updating the regional transportation plan. If you have a project, please contact us to ensure it is included. Also, MoDOT has brought back the cost share program which provides funding for up to 50% of project costs on the state highway system. Let us know if you need assistance with any of these transportation issues.

Staff continue to check on member communities and assist businesses with employer/

employee needs and hiring events. We will continue to pursue Certified Work Ready Community certification for all counties in the region. Additionally, we have more applicants with the on-site septic program, and staff are busy with GIS mapping projects, grant initiatives, and community planning projects.

We are excited that BRPC will continue to work with the Northeast Missouri Workforce Development Board on the Adult and Dislocated Worker contract, as well as the Youth programs and disaster recovery jobs. Congratulations to the Job Center staff on their efforts!

Several new projects are lined up for the coming fiscal year including CDBG Resiliency planning projects, CDBG economic development industrial infrastructure project, Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, and more work on the Missouri River Country regional initiative.

BRPC is here for you. If you have any questions or need assistance, call (636) 456-3473 or email ceggen@boonslick.org.

Please note the change of date for the BRPC general membership meeting. It will be Monday, June 12. I hope you are able to attend.

Interest in On-site Wastewater Grant-Loan Program Continues to Grow

MISSOURI ON-SITE WASTEWATER GRANT-LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Missouri On-site Wastewater Improvement Grant - Loan program is to provide financing for homeowners seeking to make improvements to, or replace their on-site wastewater treatment system which will improve Missouri's water quality. The program is funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and delivered by Missouri's regional planning commissions and councils of government.

Eligible Uses

- Repair or replacement of private wastewater treatment systems for single-family houses, and multi-family housing consisting of four units or fewer.
- Grants and loans can be used to finance only approved systems that are installed by contractors, approved by each county's respective health department.
- Only systems recommended by the County Health Department, Department of Health & Senior Services, or the local authority will be funded.
- Costs related to the installation of an approved system (such as soils investigation, engineering)

Eligible Borrowers

- Homeowners with a failing or failed on-site wastewater treatment system as documented by a certified installer or local health agency.
- Homeowners must have sufficient income to make the loan payment and maintain the system.

To date, 68 applications totaling \$820,472.00 have been received.

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission administers this program for the entire State of Missouri. If you have questions or are interested in more information, please contact BRPC Business Outreach Coordinator JoAnn Toerper by calling (636) 456-3473 or email jtoerper@boonslick.org.

Mobility Manager Hired



**Mobility Manager
Kelly Anders**

Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is pleased to announce that Kelly Anders has been hired as Mobility Manager. Under the direction of BRPC's Executive Director, the Mobility Manager will coordinate efforts to enhance the availability and access to transportation services in the region through the MO RIDES call center, website, and continued outreach.

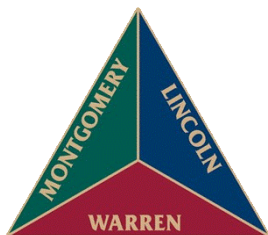
Kelly has a Master's degree in Education and is a board certified Behavior Analyst. She shares that helping people become more independent has been her life's passion.



MO RIDES is a transportation referral service developed to help individuals with disabilities and older adults without transportation find rides in Missouri. The referral service is free. Customers pay the company of their choice for their ride. MO RIDES staff can be reached by calling (844) 836-7533. The website can be

accessed at <http://morides.org>.

Kelly will begin in this new position on June 5 and can be reached at kanders@boonslick.org.



Save the Date!

The BRPC quarterly meeting will be held Monday, June 12.

Due to several conflicts, the BRPC general membership meeting has been moved up a few weeks and will be held Monday, June 12. The meeting will take place at the usual time (noon), following lunch for members and invited guests. Meeting notices will be sent out soon. We look forward to seeing you then!

MO Rides Participates in Midwest Transit Summit

Recently, Boonslick Regional Planning Commission and its MO RIDES program were invited to attend the 2017 Iowa Transportation Summit to discuss transportation coordination and public transit issues. Executive Director Chad Eggen was asked to be on a panel to present mobility management options for riders and talk about coordination efforts with providers and state departments through the MO RIDES program in Missouri.

Topics for the one-day annual summit included the panel discussions *Riders and Why they use Public Transit*, *Technology in Passenger Transportation*, *Transportation under Medicaid*, and *Mobility Management in the Midwest*. The keynote presentation for the day was given by Becky Maddy Harker, Executive Director of the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council. She elaborated on the need for cooperation among all individuals and groups involved in transit and to remember the perspective of those who use and need the systems and the interconnectivity of transportation, medical care, and quality of life.

MO RIDES has received in excess of 1,000 calls for ride referrals since the website launched December 18, 2014. The BRPC Mobility Manager or Executive Director are available to speak at meetings for government, social service agencies, service organizations, churches, health care facilities and more. To schedule a MO RIDES presentation or for more information, contact the office at (844) 836-7433.



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Spring Flooding in Southern Warren County



The region was hit with heavy rains once again this spring. BRPC Project Coordinator Chuck Eichmeyer was able to get some aerial footage of flooding over a three day period in southern Warren County. The video is posted on BRPC's website.

Visit <http://boonslick.org/> to check it out!

Gearing up for Summer Jobs!

The Summer Jobs program will be available for youth ages 17-24 through the Missouri Job Center of Warrenton again this year. Staff members work with area businesses and not-for-profit organizations to set up work experiences which can provide youth with an understanding of what it means to be employed. Eligible participants are enrolled in the program and then go through the workshop *Bring Your 'A' Game to Work* which focuses on building seven foundational work ethic behaviors: *Attitude, Attendance, Appearance, Ambition, Accountability, Acceptance, and Appreciation*. Several youth have already expressed interest in the program. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Job Center Functional Leader Janet Hickey at (636) 456-9467 or jhickey@boonslick.org

Calendar of Events - Contact us for More Information

June

- 7 US Foods Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 9:00-2:00
- 12 BRPC General Membership meeting, Noon
- 21 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Youth Workshop, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 4:00 p.m.
- 27 Kelly Services Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 10:00-1:00

July

- 4 BRPC closed in observance of Independence Day
- 12 Missouri River Country meeting, Washington
- 19 Community Agencies in Partnership meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Kelly Services Hiring Event, Missouri Job Center-Warrenton, 10:00-1:00

Job Center Workshop Calendar

The Missouri Job Center in Warrenton offers free workshops for job seekers each month. Please contact us at (636) 456-9467 if you are interested in a calendar of events.

