

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S
ADMINISTRATION OF ADULT EDUCATION GRANTS
FROM THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION AND KENTUCKY ADULT EDUCATION**

**For The Period
July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2007**



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Re: Adult Education Grants

Dear Ms. Hawker and Mr. Woods:

This report contains the results of the performance audit of Butler County Board of Education's administration of the adult education grant for the fiscal year (FY) ending June 30, 2007. The Council on Postsecondary Education and Kentucky Adult Education contracted with us to conduct performance audits of selected local adult education providers. This report represents our findings, recommendations, and the provider's responses.

The Auditor of Public Accounts conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

We greatly appreciate the courtesies and cooperation extended to our staff during the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Crit Luallen".

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) selected the Butler County Board of Education (local provider) for a limited scope performance audit of its administration of the adult education grant for Butler County. An on-site review was conducted May 1, 2008 through May 2, 2008, to address the following objectives:

- Reconcile student and faculty data electronically submitted to KYAE through the Adult Education Reporting Information Network (AERIN).
- Determine whether the local provider's professional development activities comply with the FY 06-07 professional development policies and procedures manual.
- Determine whether local providers' expenditures and costs comply with the terms of their grant agreement and reconcile to invoices submitted.
- Report internal control weaknesses identified during our audit that relate to the audit's objectives.

To accomplish these objectives, the performance audit team reviewed the Kentucky Adult Education Policy and Procedure Manual, as well as the provider's grant proposal and final agreement with KYAE. During the on-site review, the audit team reviewed the provider's accounting records (trial balance/general ledger), interviewed program administrators regarding internal controls related to the above grants, and tested samples of participant files, personnel files, and expenditure documentation for compliance with applicable requirements.

Below is the summary of findings:

FINDINGS SUMMARY

FINDING	Disallowed Costs
Two participant files did not contain evidence to support that goals were met as reported in AERIN.	N/A
Three employee files did not have Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDP).	N/A
None of the instructors on staff have had Computer-based GED Official Practice Test training.	N/A

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RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCIAL REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE

Scope and Methodology

The KYAE-10 Expenditure Reports were compared to the line item budget approved in the final agreement modification. This comparison was used to determine whether the provider's reimbursements complied with the approved budget.

The KYAE-10 Expenditure Reports were then compared to the internally generated financial records maintained by the local provider. This comparison was used to determine whether the local provider's accounting records support the total amount requested for reimbursement on the KYAE-10 Expenditure Reports.

Findings

No exceptions were noted.

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PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND RECORD KEEPING

Scope and Methodology

A total of 45 participants were selected randomly from the electronic student data sent from KYAE and compared to the documentation maintained in the participant files. We examined the files for the following:

- Proper eligibility documentation.
- Proper assessment testing.
- Evidence to support the achievement of goals/objectives reported to KYAE.
- Proper separation from the program when applicable.
- Other requirements were tested based upon the applicable program requirements.

The participants tested received services during the period of July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Findings

Providers are required to retain records to support participant data submitted electronically, as dictated by the program type. Information entered into AERIN should be supported by evidence maintained in the participant's file. The following exceptions were noted:

- Two participant files did not contain evidence to support that goals were met as reported in AERIN.

Recommendations

We recommend that any achievement of goals/objectives should be documented and maintained. The person entering participant data should require documentation for any data entry performed on a participant and any deficiencies should be reported to the Program Director.

Provider Response – [Management provided this response when their views and planned corrective actions were requested. The Provider was given a reasonable amount of time to adequately respond to this request.]

Agree with finding. One student failed to follow through as he indicated to staff member. Follow-up tracking system is being developed for future students. One student goal was a misassigned goal; staff member who worked with individual no longer on staff. Follow-up for goals is being addressed for future goal assignment.

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PAYROLL AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS

Scope and Methodology

A sample of 15 payroll disbursements, representing 21% of the total payroll expenditures, was judgmentally selected for payroll testing. Personnel files were examined to verify that staff had received the required professional development training hours. Documentation of hours worked was examined for existence and approval. Personnel files were examined to verify evidence of the instructor's bachelor's degree. A determination was made as to whether the employee was included in the staff listing information reported to KYAE.

Findings

CPE and KYAE require that instructors, instructor's aides, and program directors complete an annual IPDP by October 1 of each year. An IPDP was not on file for three applicable employees.

CPE and KYAE require that each adult education program have at least one staff person with Computer-based GED Official Practice Test training. None of the instructors on staff have had Computer-based GED Official Practice Test training.

Recommendations

To focus on planning for professional learning and growth, we recommend that an IPDP be completed and in "active" status in KYAE's professional development tracking system (PDtrack) by October 1 of the grant year. Additionally, we recommend compliance with the requirement to have personnel trained in Computer-based GED Official Practice Test.

Provider Response – [Management provided this response when their views and planned corrective actions were requested. The Provider was given a reasonable amount of time to adequately respond to this request.]

- 1) Agree with finding: Three employee plans were not copied for file in the 06-07 year prior to deleting plan from PD Track. Plans will be copied each year and placed in folders. The 06-07 activity reports have been copied and placed in files for PD documentation.
- 2) Agree with finding: Staff has not attended training on the GED Official Practice Test (OPT). All staff anticipates training in June/July of 08.

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PURCHASING/EXPENDITURE COMPLIANCE

Scope and Methodology

A sample of 6 expenditures, representing 26% of the total purchases, was selected judgmentally from the detailed general ledger. These expenditures were tested for authorization/approval, supporting documentation, proper recording, and that it was an actual expense during the grant period of July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

Findings

No exceptions were noted.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REIMBURSEMENT COMPLIANCE

Scope and Methodology

Professional Development expenditures were tested for proper authorization, supporting documentation, and adherence to approved rates and reimbursement policies. A sample of 3 expenditures, representing 23% of the total professional development expenditures, was selected judgmentally from the detailed general ledger.

Findings

No exceptions were noted.

INTERNAL CONTROLS RELATING TO GRANT

Scope and Methodology

Butler County Board of Education's fiscal administrator was given an Internal Control Questionnaire regarding the controls in place for cash disbursements, bank reconciliation's, revenue, expenditures, and payroll. The questionnaire was completed by the fiscal administrator and reviewed for any significant control deficiencies.

Findings

No significant control deficiencies were noted.