

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ACTION CORPORATION SPEAKS AT THE FEBRUARY BCEDC BOARD MEETING

Charles Killion the director of the Southeast Arkansas Community Action Corporation presented an overview of the agency to BCEDC.

Mr. Killion explained that when Larry Henderson retired as Executive Director the SEACAC Board of Directors unanimously chose him as the new Director. Before being elected as Director, Mr. Killion served as a SEACAC Board of Director representing Desha County.

Mr. Killion explained that the SEACAC Board of Directors have 3 representatives from each of 5 counties; Bradley, Drew, Desha, Ashley and Chicot. Mr. Killion further explained that one representative represents the business community, one represents the elected officials and one represents low income. SEACAC has been in existence for about 37 years. It was formed by a group of Bradley County citizens after the passage of the 1964 Equal Opportunity Act by President Lyndon Johnson.

Mr. Killion explained that SEACAC deals with low income programs. But Head Start is their primary program. The Head Start Program is funded for 365 children but currently has 412 children enrolled in the five counties. In Bradley County the Head Start Program services 55 children in Warren and another 23 in dual partnerships with Hermitage and the Hermitage ABC

Program. Mr. Killion stated that the Head Start Program in Warren also partners with the First Presbyterian Church in Warren. The program employs 7 staff members in Bradley County.

Mr. Killion explained that SEACAC also has an aspect of their agency called the Community Service Block Grant Program. Within this program is the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Since 1/6/14 the program has paid out \$63,650.00.

SEACAC partners with the Agriculture Dept. to provide commodities to qualified persons. These are distributed on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Killion explained that the SEACAC budget was once \$7 million. Due to Federal budget cuts the 2013-2014 budget is \$2.2 million for Head Start, \$1.165 million for the Energy Assistance Program and just over \$250,000 for counseling and other services. SEACAC was on a 3 year funding cycle with the Dept. of Health and Human Services. It is being changed to a 5 year funding cycle and SEACAC will have to rebid for their slot.

Mr. Killion stated that SEACAC will continue to do the things they have been successful in such as the Head Start Program while strengthening the areas where they are weak. The agency has begun talks with Goodwill Industries of Arkansas. He explained

that Goodwill Industries has an excellent rehabilitation training program which does not have a large presence in SE AR. SEACAC is wanting to form a partnership to expand the rehabilitation training program. Other developing programs are; an affordable housing program to replace the weatherization program, becoming a Title 1 – One Stop Operator for all of the Title 1 educational programs and setting up a summer youth employment program.

Mr. Killion explained that SEACAC is continuing to work to maintain their current employees and hopes to increase their number. Southeast AR Community Action Corp. is working with private companies to obtain grants. They have received small grants from companies such as Walmart, Carnegie and others. SEACAC is developing a 5 year strategic plan to seek larger grant funding.

Mr. Killion expressed SEACAC's desire to work in conjunction with BCEDC. They are seeking partnerships with like-minded agencies. Mr. Killion stated that SEACAC's Mission Statement says that the agency is to *seek to identify the causes and effects of poverty and to develop programs to alleviate the same.*

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BCEDC can help your business in such areas as:

- Land and building acquisitions
- Financial packaging
- Demographic and economic data
- Incentive packaging
- Workforce training
- Plant expansions
- Entrepreneurial and small business development

BCEDC Is affiliated with:

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- TEAMUP/WAGE-Southeast Arkansas Community Based
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM
- Bradley County Chamber of Commerce
- Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

March 2014 Jobs Update			JOB OPENINGS AT:
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Vacancies	
AR Superior Federal CU	13	0	<p>Bradley Co. Medical Center: For information on job openings and to apply go online to — www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com/jobs</p> <p>O.K. Foods: Has an opening for a full-time (at least 32 hr.) Driver. Qualifications: must have CDL and two years experience. For additional information call 870-463-2834.</p> <p>O.K. Foods: Has an opening for a Breeder/Pullet Service Technician in Hermitage, AR. For complete job information go online to www.bcedcar.com/jobs To Apply submit resume and salary requirements to employment@okfoods.com</p> <p>Potlatch Corporation: Has an opening for a Process Control Tech/Electrician and a Machinist. For qualifications and to apply, please log on to www.potlatchcorp.com under the careers section. Potlatch is an EEO/AA employer.</p> <p>SE AR Community Action Corp: Has an opening for a Bookkeeper II/Payroll Clerk. To Apply mail resume to P. O. Box 312, Warren, AR 71671. Dead line to apply is 3/14/14.</p> <p>SE AR Human Dev. Center: Has job openings for Residential Care Assistants. To apply please go to www.arstatejobs.com</p> <p>The Mad Butcher: Has a job opening for a Cake Decorator. Applications accepted on Mondays, 1-4 pm.</p> <p>Warren Bank & Trust: Has an immediate opening for a messenger. This is a full-time position with benefits. Vehicle is required. Apply at Warren Bank & Trust.</p> <p>If your company wishes to list job openings in the BCEDC Newsletter or on www.bcedcar.com please call 870-226-3760 or email us at bradleycountyide@sbcglobal.net.</p> <p>ually evolving. These changes come through innovation and global demands.</p> <p>If you liking making things, get excited about technology or like to know how things work, a manufacturing career may be for you.</p>
Armstrong Flooring	275	0	
Ashcraft Wood Products	15	0	
Bradley Brand Furniture	5	3+	
Bradley County	69	0	
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	229	16	
Chapel Woods Health & Rehab	unavailable		
City of Hermitage	7	0	
City of Warren	52	1	
First State Bank of Warren	33	0	
Fulghum Fibers	10	0	
Hermitage Schools	98	0	
New Beginnings, CASA	10	1	
Oasis Trading	48	0	
OK Foods	10	2	
Ouachita Hardwood	40	0*	
Potlatch	156	2	
SE AR Community Action Corp.	12	1	
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	266	6	
Super Valu Foods	52	1**	
The Mad Butcher	48	1***	
Townsend Flooring	15	0*	
UAMS/KIDS FIRST—Warren	29	0	
Union Bank	8	0	
Warren Bank & Trust	41	1	
Warren School Dist.	286	6	
TOTAL	1827	41	

*Taking Applications **Applications on Thursday

***Applications on Mondays, 1-4 pm

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Manufacturing has changed. What used to work in years past doesn't work in today's high-tech manufacturing. Many of the developing jobs require employees to be computer savvy.

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nical training within your high school classes will help to provide you with the skill set that modern manufactures are looking for. Once, a high school education was enough to get a good paying manufacturing job. But with the advancement of machinery, employers are requiring more training. Some companies will provide the needed training. Community Colleges are also a good source of specialized training.

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HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

BCEDC Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain the economic climate of Bradley County by increasing the employment opportunities for the residents of the county

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MONDAY MORNING MEETING

Every Monday at 7:00 am

Please make time to meet at Molly's. This meeting is open to the public.

Seeking : Employment, Training, Assistance, Career Counseling or Resume Preparation.

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Thursday, April 10, 2014
10:00 am—2:30 pm
Immanuel Baptist Church