

Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments

Planning & Development for a Better Region K

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UPDATES

- New website coming! Completion anticipated in June 2016.
- Next Board Meeting: May 26th, 2016 @ 6:30pm
Budget will be presented and public will have 30 days to review

AROUND THE REGION

Triangle North Meeting
Monday, May 16th @ 8:30AM
COG Office

State of the Region Event
Thursday, May 19th @ 7:45AM
Sheraton Imperial Hotel &
Conference Center

RAAC/STHL Meeting
Wednesday, May 11th @ 2PM
COG Office

Workforce Development Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7th @ 6PM
COG Office

The Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Board (Triangle North) will be meeting at the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments' office on Monday, May 16th at 8:30AM.

RTRP will be hosting their State of the Region event on Thursday, May 19th at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Conference Center beginning with registration at 7AM. Event is 7:45AM to 10:00AM with breakfast included. RSVP Required.

Regional Aging Advisory Council Meeting will be held at Kerr-Tar Regional COG on Wednesday, May 11th at 2PM. The four year Aging Plan will be presented for approval.

The Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board Meeting will be held at Kerr-Tar Regional COG on Tuesday, June 7th at 6PM. Contact Vincent Gilreath (vgilreath@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040 for more information.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Community Transportation EXPO
May 22nd-May 25th

Tony Sumter, Kerr-Tar Mobility Manager, will be attending the Community Transportation EXPO in Portland, Oregon on May 22nd through May 25th. This event will be hosted by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA). The event will focus on the current and new trends for mobility improvement that are practiced nationwide. One area of interest will be an event called “Improving Healthcare Outcomes: The Mobility Management Connection Symposium”.

Kerr-Tar RPO TCC & TAC Meeting
Thursday, May 26th 3-5PM
COG Office

The public comment period is open until May 25th for comments on the Draft Regional and Statewide KTRPO Local Points assignment for transportation projects in the Kerr-Tar Region. The draft was approved by the Kerr-Tar TCC/TAC at the last meeting on April 22, 2016. Please see the website www.ktrpo.com and look under Prioritization 4.0 News. Please send any comments to Ann Stroobant, Regional Planner, (astroobant@kerrtarog.org) or please mail your comments to Ann at Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, PO Box 709, Henderson, NC 27536.

North Carolina General Assembly

A few transportation related bills have been filed in this session of the General Assembly. DOT Proposed Legislative Changes ([959=S723](#)) and Adjust Unpaved Roads Funding Expenditures ([H963](#)).

NC Tomorrow Summit



Agriculture Commissioner, Steve Troxler, was a keynote speaker at the NC Tomorrow Summit held on April 18th and 19th at the North Raleigh Hilton. The NC Tomorrow initiative was the development of a Uniform Process for North Carolina to develop a NC Statewide Strategy for Comprehensive Community and Economic Development. The second phase was to roll regional strategies into a statewide plan. The NC Tomorrow Summit continues to build on the goals and strategies of the plan and brought together national, state and local leaders to showcase best practices in Community and Economic Development. The Summit was attended by over 200 professionals from throughout North Carolina.

Rural Counts: 10 Strategies for Rural North Carolina's Future

Rural Counts is seeking a collaborative and leveraged effort that focuses on resources of federal, state, and local government. The N.C. Rural Center has put together 10 strategies that must guide our action today to measure our success going forward. For more information please visit ncruralcenter.org or email info@ncruralcenter.org.

EDPNC Releases New Website

The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina has recently released a new website. To view the new site, please visit: <http://edpnc.com/>.

Building Broadband Opportunities: How Local Leaders Can Make a Difference

The National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration are having a two-part webinar focused on community broadband on Monday, May 16. This two-part webinar series will give participants a better understanding of the role local leaders can play in expanding access to and adoption of broadband in their communities.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Inspiring Young Adults Webinar Series
Wednesday, May 25th @ 10:00AM

Another session of the Inspiring Young Adults Webinar Series occurs on May 25 at 10:00AM. The on-going, free series is designed for professionals and parents who serve young adults ages 16-24 as they prepare to enter the workforce and build a career path. May's topic is "Keeping Kids Out of Trouble", which includes: laws that impact young adults, keeping youth out of prison, infractions that can impact careers, & incarcerated youth. The webinar is sponsored by the NC Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions. Independent viewing is available by registering at <http://www.ncworkforcetraining.com/Webinars.aspx>. For questions, contact Ben Foti (bfoti@kerrtarco.org).

NCWorks Career Center

The Business Management team is happy to announce how busy Kerr-Tar NCWorks Career Center has been during the month of March. There were a total of 5 new OJT enrollments. All of which were qualified for the Job Driven Initiative Grant. In March Kerr-Tar NCWorks hosted more Job Fairs in order to continually increase employer engagement. Employers included, Pallet One, CCI in Durham, & Piedmont Community College also hosted a campus job fair. To learn more about NCWorks and their services contact Alexis Franks (afranks@EDSolutions.com) or 919-693-2686.

NCWorks May 2016 Events

Workforce development is working hard to make sure classes and trainings are available for individuals seeking job opportunities. Please contact Vincent Gilreath (vgilreath@kerrtarco.org) for more information on the May calendar.

NCWorks Career Centers

Do you realize the support your local businesses could receive from our workforce development professionals? If not, partner with the NCWorks Career Centers to find your next “right fit” employee. Our Certified NCWorks Career Centers provide the following services: job posting, job fair coordination, candidate evaluation and review, candidate referrals, off-site interview space, & labor market information. To learn more about NCWorks and their services contact Alexis Franks (afranks@EDSolutions.com) or 919-693-2686.

Department of Labor Launches New Website

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration has launched a new technical assistance website. The website is designed to give the public workforce system, education professionals, and business leaders more effective ways to search, save, and share resources— with improved capability to engage with peers. To access the new site (which replaces the previous Workforce3one.org site effective immediately), please go to: <https://www.workforcegps.org/>.

AGING

Elder Abuse Awareness Walk

Thursday, June 2nd @ Huck Sansbury Recreation Complex in Roxboro, NC.
Registration starts at 9:30AM

Millions of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited. Once a year on June 15, communities and municipalities around the world plan activities and programs to recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). It’s an opportunity to share information and spread awareness about abuse, neglect, and exploitation in later life. Everyone can make a difference, but together, we can unite as one nation. Take a stand against elder abuse! Please contact Kim Hawkins, Regional Ombudsman (khawkins@kerrtarco.org) or (252) 436-2040, if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

“Medicare 101”

Tuesday, May 17th @ 2:00PM
Youngsville Library

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will partner with the Franklin County Department of Aging to offer a Free Medicare Seminar “Medicare 101” on May 17 starting at 2:00PM at the Youngsville Library, in Youngsville, NC. For more information and to register call Christy Southhall at 919-494-5611.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)



The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) welcomed over 150 advocates, national aging, and health care policy experts to Washington, DC for the 22nd annual n4a Aging Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day, April 25th-26th. The event was two days filled with updates on the latest in federal aging policy and advocacy training, over 100 meetings with Senators and Representatives, and a Capitol Hill reception celebrating OAA reauthorization. Click on [n4a's 2016 Policy Priorities](#) for priority details. (The picture shows North Carolina's representatives.)

Upcoming workshops

Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults
Fridays May 20th-June 24th
1:30-4:00PM
Louisburg Senior Center, Louisburg, NC

Chronic Pain Self Management Program Workshop
Wednesdays June 1st-July 6th
1:30-4:00PM
Vance County Senior Center,
Henderson, NC

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will be conducting a six week, Healthy Eating for Successful Living in Older Adults workshop at the Louisburg Senior Center in Louisburg, NC starting Fridays, May 20 through June 24, 2016 from 1:30-4:00PM. To register call Tara Goolsby at 919-496-1131.

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will be conducting a six week Chronic Pain Self Management Program Workshop at the Vance County Senior Center starting Wednesdays, June 1 through July 6, from 1:30-4:00PM. To register call Joyce Davis at 252-430-0257. For more information on both workshops call, Sheila Brown (sbrown@kerrtarco.org) or 252-436-2040 ext. 6026.

Older Americans Month "Blaze A Trails"



In 1963, we began to acknowledge the contributions of older individuals by declaring the month of May to celebrate Older Americans Month (OAM). Led by the Administration for Community Living, the annual observance offers the opportunity to learn about, support, and celebrate our nation's older citizens. Older adults are a growing and increasingly vital part of our community as well as our country. The contributions they make to our communities are varied, deeply rooted, and include influential roles in the nation's economy, politics, and the arts.

Region K Senior Games and Silver Arts
Senior Games: March 24 - May 11
Silver Arts: Thursday, May 19



Senior Games is a health promotion program for older adults. Participants who win medals compete in the NC Senior Games; state winners go on to the National Senior Games. Silver Arts, which highlights creative talents, as well as awards will be May 19th at Oxford City Hall. Email Melissa Catlett (mcattlett@kerrtarcog.org) for more information.

ABOUT US

MISSION

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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Franklin County

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