

High Country Workforce Development Consortium

In accordance with the federal Workforce Investment Act, the High Country Workforce Development Consortium is composed of the Chief Elected Official of each county in the region (or his/her designee). The Consortium selects one of its members to serve as its Chief Elected Officials for purposes of workforce development issues. The Consortium determines the configuration of the Workforce Development Area (within confines of federal legislation), selects a fiscal agent, appoints members to the Board, and is ultimately liable for appropriate use of Workforce Investment Act funds. The Consortium's Chief Elected Official and the Chair of the Workforce Development Board jointly approve various plans, budgets, and modifications that flow between the fiscal agent and the state funding entity, in addition to jointly appointing members to the Board's Youth Council.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Ken Richardson

ASHE COUNTY

Judy Porter Poe

AVERY COUNTY

Kenny Poteat

MITCHELL COUNTY

Lisa Sparks

WATAUGA COUNTY

Jim Deal

WILKES COUNTY

Zach Henderson

YANCEY COUNTY

Walter Savage

Chief Elected Official,

High Country Workforce Development Consortium

Honorary Members High Country Workforce Development Board

The High Country Workforce Development Board has invited its Workforce Development Consortium members and state and federal elected officials (or their designees) to serve on the Workforce Development Board in a non-voting capacity with full discussion privileges. To date, the following individuals have accepted membership invitations:

Jim Deal, Watauga County Commission Chair
Judy Porter Poe, Ashe County Commission Chair
Kenny Poteat, Avery County Commission Chair
Walter Savage, Yancey County Commission Chair
Phillip D. Frye, NC House of Representatives,
District 84, Avery, Mitchell, Yancey)
Steve Goss, NC Senate, District 45,
(Ashe, Watauga, Wilkes)
Congressman Patrick McHenry, District 10 (Avery)
Joe Sam Queen, NC Senate, District 47,
(Avery, Mitchell, Yancey)
Shirley Randleman, NC House of Representatives,
District 94 (Wilkes)
Raymond Rapp, NC House of Representatives,
District 118 (Yancey)
Sarah Stevens, NC House of Representatives,
District 90 (Alleghany)
Cullie Tarleton, NC House of Representatives,
District 93 (Ashe, Watauga)