

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 Official for purposes of workforce development issues. The Consortium determines the configuration of the Workforce Development Area within the 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, Chief Elected Official

Mitchell County

Bill Slagle

Watauga County

Nathan Miller

Wilkes County

Gary D. Blevins

Yancey County

Johnny Riddle