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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard
Executive Director

DATE: 11 December 2019

SUBJECT: Staff and Commission Updates

Commission Update

Commission member Mayor Rogers Anderson was recently awarded the Robert (Bob) Wormsley Outstanding County Official of the Year Award by the Tennessee County Services Association. Please join me in congratulating Mayor Anderson on this honor.

Responding to the Commission's direction at our last meeting, Chairman Carter has requested an opinion from the Attorney General on the question, "Whose approval is required for changing the data sources in the TACIR fiscal capacity model used to equalize funding through the BEP funding formula?" Staff remains in communication with the Attorney General's office and will notify our members once an opinion is rendered.

Staff Update

Senior Research Associate Nathan Shaver will be leaving TACIR later this month to accept a position as an attorney with the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation. Please join me in thanking Nathan for his excellent work with the Commission and in congratulating him on his new career opportunity.

Dr. Chris Klein has joined the Commission as a part-time senior research consultant. Dr. Klein recently retired from service as a professor of economics at Middle Tennessee State University, where he taught since 2002. Before joining MTSU, Dr. Klein served as

the chief of the Economic Analysis Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Deputy Executive Director Melissa Brown recently graduated from the Tennessee Government Executive Institute. TGEI is a “two-week residential executive institute that provides senior-level managers in Tennessee state government the opportunity for academic study and learning in executive responsibility and cross agency networking designed to enhance the individual skills of senior leaders.”

Yesterday, Office Manager April Scivally graduated from the Human Resources Master Series, a “12-month leadership development initiative for human resources (HR) professionals, which includes five one-day forums of interactive, best practice, experiential learning focused on raising the understanding of HR leadership at the conceptual level and an expectation of practical applications.”

Please join me in congratulating Melissa and April on their accomplishments.