

Melissa A. Aguilar, Executive Director

Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board

Aguilar has worked in many capacities from private industry, non-profit, higher education, local and state government. She took the position as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board as of June 2014 and manages and coordinates workforce related policy and governance for the Board who is advisory to the Governor.

Her experience in private industry as related to manufacturing, healthcare, finance, and retail management through training, process and occupational profiling and consultation gives her a unique perspective of accomplishing the task of working proactively to establish a workforce system that is relative to employer needs and systematic approaches. She states, "I never lose my private industry thinking cap when it comes to public sector analysis."

Aguilar has an MBA from Averett University and specializes in resource pooling, facilitation of partnerships and collaborations, and industry profiling. She is a leader rather than a follower and proclaims her passion about truly making a difference in the lives of all she comes in contact with. "There's always something that I can help with... as simple as holding a hand or as complex as breaking down cultural divides," Aguilar states. She considers herself a true dot connector.

