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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Atencio, Apex Transportation
Peter Brissette, DMD Consulting
Jamie Campbell, Platte Valley Medical Center
Amy Clement, United Power
Robb Gallegos, MSU Family Literacy Center
Juan Hernandez, Pipefitters Local 208
Lisa Hough, AC-REP
Simone Mortenson, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Jay Newby, CDLE
Erika Rodriguez, Colorado Laborers and Contractors Education & Training Fund
Mary Stevenson, Deltech Furnaces
Rebecca Wolfe, Font Range Community College

ABSENT

Angela Atkinson, North Metro Denver Small Business Development Center
Janet Renden, FutureForward at Bollman

GUESTS

Britta Blodgett, CWDC
William Tuffin, International Rescue Committee Denver
Kristin Maybriar, CDLE
Todd Nielsen, CUWA
Aaron Weisser, CDLE
Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC

STAFF MEMBERS

Yvonne Castillo, WBC Coordinator/OSO
Jodie Kammerzell, Local Area Director/WBC Administrator
Sonia Rodriguez, Manager
Monica Sailas, Grant Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Eva J. Henry
DISTRICT 1

Charles "Chaz" Tedesco
DISTRICT 2

Emma Pinter
DISTRICT 3

Steve J. O'Dorisio
DISTRICT 4

Lynn E. Baca
DISTRICT 5

INTRODUCTIONS AND QUORUM

A quorum of members was present, and the meeting was called to order at 8:02 A.M. Chair Peter Brissette welcomed the board members and guests, inviting everyone to introduce themselves.

COLORADO URBAN WORKFORCE ALLIANCE (CUWA) OVERVIEW

Todd Nielson, Director of CUWA provided an overview of the organization. The Colorado Urban Workforce Alliance (CUWA) is a multi-regional workforce collaborative which exists to support and promote multi-regional workforce collaborations, sector initiatives and other workforce development activities. With membership consisting of 9 of the 10 Federally recognized Workforce Development Areas, and 1 Sub-Area within the Rural Consortium, CUWA covers approximately 80% of the states workforce, along the Front Range Urban Corridor From Colorado Springs to the Northern Colorado Border and Mesa County on the Western Slope. Todd collaborates with all workforce directors to ensure the seamless delivery of services. He then provided an overview of the five main goals that were created in partnership with the directors for PY24:

- Advocacy
- Alignment
- Research
- Modernization
- System Planning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes from September 12, 2024, meeting.

MOTION was made to approve the September 12, 2024, meeting minutes and was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED. The minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting was approved with no corrections.

COLORADO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Peter announced that he has been selected to serve as the Chair Elect for the CWDC board for the next two years. This position offers a valuable opportunity for the WDB to strengthen its connection to workforce development at a deeper level.

HIGH PERFORMING BOARD

Lee Wheeler-Berliner presented the ACWDB with the High Performing Board designation on behalf of the CWDC. The board was recognized for its active participation and engagement. This marks the sixth consecutive year that the ACWDB has received this prestigious designation.

The board discussed pursuing High Performing Board designation for PY24.

MOTION was made to pursue High Performing Board status for PY24 and was seconded.

MOTION CARRIED. The ACWDB will pursue High Performing Board status for PY23.

SEPTEMBER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTH AWARDS

Peter reported that the Executive Committee discussed a recommendation to expand the event for next year, extending it into a half-day event and transforming it into a symposium or showcase. The event would feature guest speakers and include invitations to local government representatives. Lisa Hough offered AC-REP's collaboration to highlight Adams County. The board agreed to move forward with expanding the event.

CONNECTING COLORADO UPDATE

Jay Newby introduced Aaron Weisser, Modernization Project Manager from CDLE, to present on the topic. He explained that two systems will replace Connecting Colorado: Eightfold, which will serve as the labor market information system, and Empyra, which will function as the case management system. While the systems are separate, they will be integrated. Over the next two months, subject matter experts will conduct demonstrations, followed by two months of full data testing. The goal of the new system is to be utilized by K-12 institutions and designed for future expansion to community colleges.

DASHBOARD

Jodie Kammerzell reported that the Dashboard has been updated, and the new format has been approved by the Executive Committee. She also acknowledged WBC Grant Administrator Monica Sailas for her efforts in enhancing the Dashboard.

Monica reported that WIOA enrollments for the Adult program are exceeding the goal. While Dislocated Worker (DW) enrollments are slightly below target, staff continue to refer RESEA customers to the DW program. Although spending is slightly under the targeted amount, it remains within an acceptable range. We are awaiting the Notice of Funding Allocation for the Workforce Enterprise Fund and expect to be back on track shortly. Discretionary grant spending is progressing as planned, and enrollment numbers for the RUN grant have been met.

Announcements

- Lisa Hough reported that she is working with board member Rebecca Woulfe from FRCC on the Transportation Sector Partnership and will be hosting a meeting on December 10th at 3pm at AC-REP.
- Jodie reported on the staffing restructure. All staff will be in their new teams by the end of November and the WBC will be hiring four new supervisors.
- Robb Gallegos announced that the City of Commerce City has secured a \$500,000 grant and reached out to him for consultation on developing a workforce GED program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.