

## MINUTES

Friday, March 13, 2015  
Mesa County Workforce Center  
7:30 am

### March WFC Board Meeting

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#### 1. Call to Order

- a. Buzz Moore, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.
- b. Introductions around the table.

#### 2. Approve Minutes

- a. Karen Troester moved to approve December 12, 2014 minutes. Jon Maraschin seconded; no one opposed. Minutes approved.

#### 3. Implementing WIOA in Colorado

- a. Presentation given by guests Lee Wheeler-CWDC, James Newby-CDLE, Elizabeth Shupe-Adult Ed and Kevin Shearrow- DVR.
- b. James Milligan asked how the targeted populations will be brought to the front of the line when being served. This will happen through the interview process with clients to decide who fits into the prioritized categories which will then define how they are served.
- c. Nina Anderson asked how English as a Second Language (ESL) programs are being funded locally. They are funded through Hilltop and the WFC. This is the same for GED. The library also offers some basic services.
- d. If the Local Area Designation Request for Mesa County is approved, funding will begin to flow to the Commissioners July 1, 2015.
- e. CDLE will look at if it makes sense location wise and will look at past performance. Diane Schwenke asked if we would have to do things differently to pass what Federal regulations want to see. The other part is to see if there is local support for the Mesa County Workforce Center. Letters of support are the main way to show this. Commissioner Rose Pugliese asked about the inclusion of Colbran and DeBeque's municipalities. Tracey, Sue and Mark plan to meet with the town managers, but are first meeting with the bulk of the population. Once we are approved as a designated local area we would make sure to reach out to any areas that time did not allow for prior to the April 16th deadline.
- f. CDLE is waiting on the Federal Government to fully define how to certify a one-stop operator. If the management of the one-stop operation has to be put through RFP, it is anticipated that counties can be one of the bidders without being in conflict. Mesa County DHS will bid if this is the process that the Fed's decide upon.
- g. Will Hays asked why we couldn't design the RFP to show how we want the WFC to be run. The City of Grand Junction runs the RFP process for Mesa County. We will have input into the scope. This is still being figured out. Having a State run RFP is an option out there.

- h. The new system has to be up and running by July 1, 2016. So there will be one year to get everything mapped out and running after the local area designation request is approved or denied.
  - i. Ongoing, once every three years the WFC Board has to certify the one-stop operation. The state council creates the criteria for local boards to assess the effectiveness of a one-stop operation. Local boards can add additional items if they wish. The board has to be certified in addition to the one-stop operation. The board certification is a two year certification and has increased responsibilities if Mesa County becomes its own region.
  - j. Mesa County already has an Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). The data reporting of the higher education through the State and how it ties to employment and wages will now be brought together so the WFC will have access to that information. Before privacy would not allow access to the connection of the higher education information which will help show effectiveness of programs and partnerships.
  - k. July 1, 2015 parts of WIOA become effective: funding begins, youth spending requirements begins, local WIB membership requirements become effective.
  - l. July 1, 2016 full implementation begins: new performance measures tracked, new state plan provision go into effect, new partnership agreements go into effect.
  - m. New state plan to be submitted in February 2016: strategic and operational, joint effort of core programs and other partners, will involve wide stakeholder input; local plans developed aligned with state plan; regional plans developed by planning regions. Local plan deadline has not been set as of yet. Proposed WIOA planning regions are being worked on and is looking at adding Mesa County to regions 9 and 10 where it is more logical for economic development.
- 4. Other Business**
- a. Diane Schwenke asked if the Mesa County Workforce Center has seen an influx of people coming back into the workforce due to oil work in North Dakota slowing down. Suzanne Miller, Job Service supervisor, says yes we have seen an increase and it will be interesting to see how that impacts our numbers overall.
  - b. Buzz Moore, Chair, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Diane Schwenke seconded; no one opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.
- 5. Next Meeting June 12th 7:30-9:00**