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512 29 ½ Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81504

Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
May 23rd, 2017 7:30am -9:00am

Location: Room C of WFC Business Center, 512 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO.
Call in Option: 683-4300 for local callers / 877-394-5806 for long distance callers
Access Code: 0160884

- A. Meeting called to order @ 7:33 am by Tim Fry
 - a. Roll taken on attendance sheet – a quorum was reached.
 - b. Introduction of all including new members
- B. Workforce Center Success Story read by Tim Fry
- C. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the WDB to spend its time on more complex items and initiatives. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

 - a. **Approval of March Meeting minutes** (Included in attachments)
 - b. **One Stop Certification Policy and Certification Criteria** (Included in attachments)
 - c. **Adult Priority of Service Policy** (Included in attachments)
 - i. Nina made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Tracey Garchar 2nd the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
- D. Program Overview – Colorado Works presented by Shelley Grattan
 - a. Employment focused assistance program (TANF)
 - i. Serves very low to no income adults w/ children in the home needing cash assistance
 - 1. Short Term / small amount of cash assistance meant to stabilize
 - a. PT @ minimum wage earners receive more money than TANF recipients
 - b. Clients average less than 24 months on TANF
 - 2. 60 month lifetime limit nationwide
 - a. Clients who have longer term needs often need to go through Social Security
 - 3. Accountability – employment outcome work program
 - a. Clients must follow a plan
 - b. Clients must meet with case worker
 - c. Clients must turn in a time sheet
 - ii. Can help provide education, transportation, work attire, child care
 - 1. Work-based learning opportunities
 - 2. WFC is working to create a TANF internship program
 - iii. And other barriers such as domestic violence, substance abuse, interview and resume skills
 - iv. Has a case load of around 500 families per month



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- v. Program is housed at WFC allowing a pipeline to job search and workshops, child care, budgeting classes, etc.
- vi. The WFC has a goal of 2500 new jobs this year- securing 992 to date; 33 of those came out of TANF last month!
- b. Mesa County has a higher case load and working to reduce it.
 - i. Low income jobs
 - ii. High housing costs
 - iii. Lower education levels
- E. Workforce Center Volume Report Review (Included in attachments)
 - a. Unemployment numbers have decreased significantly
 - i. Mesa County has not seen this large a decrease as far back as 2007
 - ii. Labor force (83,000 in 2007) has decreased drastically since
 - 1. More people are coming to Mesa County WFC because of our one-stop model
 - 2. Increased local job orders and more employers using Connecting Colorado
 - a. YTD FT Permanent job orders are up 60% over last year
 - b. 15 FT positions with a local energy company were filled in a one day hiring event
 - 3. Wages are up \$23 per week over last year
 - 4. Location quotient reviewed
 - a. State average =1.00
 - 5. Performance outcomes in career development programs
 - a. Youth and Adult programs doing well
 - b. We offer more work-based learning opportunities than anywhere else in the state.
 - c. Increased employee retention rate (89% one year after employment)
 - 6. State Allocation, with a lag time of two years lag of 2 years, is derived from a formula based on our unemployment numbers, number of people in poverty and a few other local demographics.
- F. One Stop Operator MOU (Included in attachments)
 - a. Tracey Garchar and Will Hays recused themselves from this discussion and abstained from vote
 - i. There was one bid (from Mesa County FOQA) that has gone through procurement, legal, state council and executive committee
 - 1. 5 year contract w/ annual review
 - 2. Will coordinate all MOUs between WFC and mandated partners
 - a. Job corps, Employment Services, TANF, Community College, etc.
 - 3. Will attend WDB Meetings as requested to update / answer questions
 - 4. \$12,750/year



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- ii. Nina made a motion to accept and move forward with this MOU. Karen 2nd. With all in favor the motion passed.
 - iii. It will move forward through State level to be approved by council.
- G. WDB Appointment Recommendations (2 current vacancies):**
- a. Darshann Ruckman – Hospitality Industry (recommended by Diane Schwenke)
 - i. Clarion GM - Nina will meet with him soon.
 - b. Andrew Golike – Manufacturing Industry (recommended by Curtis Englehart)
 - i. Coorstek GM – Has agreed to serve on this board if nominated
 - 1. Karen T made a motion to appoint Andrew Golike to the WFD Board. James 2nd the motion. No discussion. With all in favor the motion passed.
 - 2. This nomination will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- H. RFP/Grant Updates**
- a. WIOA Title I
 - i. 2 bids were received: Hilltop and Right on Learning
 - ii. Exec was selection committee
 - 1. Used county procurement scoring matrix to score
 - 2. Hilltop was chosen for 4 year contract
 - iii. Will made a motion to accept the Hilltop bid. James 2nd the motion. All in favor, none opposed, Will abstained from this vote. The motion passed.
- I. AEFLA Grant (WIOA Title II)**
- a. Hilltop was only bidder and was selected by CO Department of Education Awarded to Hilltop
 - i. GED Program will expand to collaborate with Library
 - ii. Nina reviewed program for alignment and completed paperwork for this.
- J. Program and Sub Committee updates**
- a. Work Ready Community Initiative
 - i. We are 1st in State to be Certified as of February
 - ii. Employers will need to continue to pledge support in the future
 - 1. Will need to incorporate NCRC in hiring process
 - 2. Curtis has been explaining ACT to many community member and businesses
 - b. Youth Apprenticeship and Career Link (FKA Emerging Workforce)– sub committees
 - i. Signing ceremony on Saturday May 20th
 - ii. At 10 of goal of 35
 - iii. WFC and WCCC will help educate participating employers as to how to interview (seek) young people for this program.
 - iv. The state goal is to get 20,000 young people through the program.



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- c. Board members are encouraged to let Curtis know if they would like to attend any sub-committee meetings
- K. New Business / Other
 - a. None
- L. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41am

Attachments: March meeting minutes; One Stop Certification Policy and Certification Criteria; Adult Priority of Service Policy; One Stop Operator Memorandum of Understanding