

DRAFT MINUTES

Friday, September 23, 2016
Mesa County Workforce Center
Business Center Room C

Mesa County Workforce Development Board Meeting

7:30 am

Attendance and Roll Call/ Visitor Recognition/ Introductions

Review and approval – ***June 10, 2016 meeting minutes***

- Bill Byers made a motion to approve the June minutes
- Jeff Warner seconded
- June 10th, meeting minutes approved

CDLE Program Year 2015 – compliance audit -

- We had the state auditors and liaison come out to Mesa County and do a program audit of our Title I and Title III programs. We had a great review and we even were noticed for a few best practices.
- They did make us aware of our spending and how we are not where we need to be. Our enrollments are higher than they have ever been; we are just able to serve our clients more efficiently than other counties.
- John will send final documentation to the board once we receive it from the state.

One Stop Operator Procurement – Progress and Updates

- State workforce centers had meetings with both the state and USDOL. Through this 6 models were developed. The current Mesa County model as it stands is Model number 1 (page 2 in your packet). There are other examples in the packet and they are very different depending on what their current infrastructure is.
- This information will go out to the one-stop operator sub-committee for better clarification and next steps. The one-stop operator must be operating by 7/1/16. Mesa County has already showed significant progress with where we are with the one stop operator.
- Mesa County will be excused as these conversations get more detailed; as they intend to bid.

Policies – Vote and approval of policy updates – updated Colorado PGL

Individual Training Account – 15-05, Incumbent Worker Training – 15-08, Youth / Adult Work Experience – 15-09, Veteran’s Priority of Service – 15-10. Please note changes in RED to correspond to updated Colorado PGL

- The state made some adjustments to the PGL’s which in turn required us to update our policies; and these need approved by the board.
- Karen Madsen made a motion
- Brigitte Sunderman seconded

- Policies were approved

ACT Work Ready Communities – Progress/ Update

- WRC Initiative is a vehicle to map our skilled workforce through the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). The NCRC is graded out on 4 levels. This allows us to quickly identify our skilled workforce as well as gives job seekers the ability to build their own career pathway using the NCRC as a foundational stackable credential.
- We are hosting a business breakfast on 9/28 from 7:30am-9am. We will be hitting on the benefits to employers, jobseekers, and our local economy. Our goal is to have 117 employers showing their support for the WRC Initiative through the NCRC.
- There was a suggestion to have employers come in and take the NCRC so they know what the test entails and what the level of product they are getting.

CareerWise Apprenticeship program

Update from project launch on 9/14/2016

Mesa County Pilot Site – planning/ committee formation

- CareerWise is a Swiss based apprenticeship program that has become a state initiative and Mesa County has been selected as a pilot county. It is introducing apprenticeships into the schools to help youth develop their skills and interests at a younger age.
- John attended the kick off in Denver and there has been \$9.5 million committed so far.
- 9/26 at 3:30pm – we will be having CareerWise representation to bring a more in depth presentation and action items for Mesa County.
- SD51 is a partner in this. We understand this is a large project so they are taking small steps to make this a success.
- We need to engage employers who want to participate in this. There is an ROI for the employers on this.

Workforce Development Month:

- CareerWise Presentation 9/26/2016
- Job Fair 9/27/2016
- Business Breakfast – Public Launch of Work Ready Communities Initiative
- WFC Magazine
- September is Workforce Development Month. We have a lot of activities going on.
- The last week of September includes a business breakfast as well as a job fair.

Workforce Center Volume Report

- The board would like to see this compared to Colorado stats
- Would also like to compare quarter to quarter

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned by Nina Anderson at 8:40am

Next WDB meeting will be Friday, December 16, 2016