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512 29 ½ Rd  
Grand Junction, CO 81504

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Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018: 7:30am-9:00am

Location: We will be meeting in Room C of our Business Center, 512 29 ½ Road, Grand Junction, CO.  
Please enter through the north entrance

Call in Option: 683-4300 for local callers / 877-394-5806 for long distance callers  
Access Code: 0115322 followed by the # sign  
Light Breakfast available

**At 7:32am Nina Anderson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order in absence of Tim Fry, Chairman.**

Board member introductions and visitor recognition- An attendance sheet was circulated for sign-in.

Welcome extended to new Board members:

*Lance Kramer*

*Robin Brown, who will take a seat for GJEP*

*Hollie VanRoosendahl, Hilltop Director of Employment and Training at the Workforce Center*

WFC Success Story Read by Nina Anderson

*A thank you letter to WFC staff member from a client who gained employment with WFC assistance.*

Blank pages were provided to board members and they were asked to jot down and submit suggestions for agenda items, presentations, guest speakers, other.

## **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.**

Approval of November 28th Meeting minutes (Included in attachments)

Approval of Data Integrity and the Customer Appreciation Cycle for WIOA and TAA Policy

Approval of Supportive Services Policy

Approval of Youth Incentive Policy

Approval of Needs Related Payment Policy

*A motion to approve consent agenda was made by Diane Schwenke and Brian Summers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.*

## **WFC Volume Report and 2017 Year in Review**

**(Emailed in advance, provided as hand-out, and attached hereto)  
Kudos to the board for 2017 accomplishments**

**WFC Director, Curtis Englehart, relayed the information contained in the report, item by item, to the board.**

*Age statistics for GEDs rcvd through AEFLA was requested by Matt Diers. (page 6, Item 1)*

*Tracey Garchar pointed out that in Cash assistance programs, (such as the Employment First Program) unless recipient is a parent of a child (children) under age 6 in the home, benefits are only provided to individuals actively seeking employment or participating in education program. (page 6, item 2)*

*Colorado Works caseloads explained: While 302 clients gained employment, caseload dropped by less than 100, due to incoming/outgoing "churn of" clients (page 6, item 3)*

Curtis further explained that Career wise is a Swiss based model apprenticeship program which began in Mesa County 2 years ago when we were selected as one of 2 pilot sites. (page 6, item 5)

YEA – WDB members are invited to attend Investor panel (like Shark-tank) on March 28<sup>th</sup> @ Marriot Courtyard conference room. Chamber newsletter will have info. (page 6, item 6)

We hope to be hosting a Regional initiative for surrounding counties including Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, and Gunnison here in Mesa County in March (page 7, item 1)

A follow up meeting/ debriefing was requested regarding the Job Connects pilot by Sandy Sharp. (page 7, item 2)

Program and Sub Committee updates were covered in summary above.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28am

**Attachments: November WDB meeting minutes; Data Integrity and the Customer Appreciation Cycle for WIOA and TAA Policy; Supportive Services Policy; Youth Incentive Policy; Needs Related Payment Policy; WFC Volume Report and 2017 Year**

# Mesa County Workforce Center

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*Volume Report & Year-end Report Out*



## Workforce Volume Report

### January 2018



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## January 2018 Volume Report

Workforce Volume December 2017	Mesa County	Pueblo County
14-24	781	291
16-24	745	279
22-49	1,820	755
50 and over	839	324
Employed at Entry	599	250
Not Employed at Entry	2,841	1,120
Economically Disadvantaged	528	321
Male	1,775	772
Female	1,665	598

*Source: Connecting Colorado*

Workforce Center Job Orders December 2017	Mesa County	Pueblo County
Full Time	251	154
Part Time	60	40
Regular	284	159
Temporary	4	15
Total Job Orders	453	643
Active Employers using Connecting Colorado	791	576

*Source: Connecting Colorado*

Mesa and Pueblo County November 2017			
Region	Number of Job Orders	Job Openings	Active Employers using Connecting Colorado
Mesa County	643	925	781
Pueblo County	510	1,201	568

1.) Employment Wage Statistics , 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 “Most recent quarter available”

All Industries	Average Establishments	Emp. Month 1	Emp. Month 2	Emp. Month 3	Average Employment	Total Wage	Average Weekly Wage
Mesa County	4,882	60,485	61,421	61,706	61,204	\$626,379,601	\$787
Pueblo County	3,403	60,859	61,209	61,297	61,122	\$601,523,930	\$757
Colorado	198,917	2,584,483	2,591,596	2,639,031	2,605,037	\$35,280,018,576	\$1,042

Source: Colorado Department of Labor

Mesa and Pueblo County 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2016				
Region		Average employment		Average Weekly wage
Mesa County		59,926		\$772
Pueblo County		60,263		\$744

2.) Area Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Data

Area Name	Civilian Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Mesa County (November) 2017	73,167	70,439	2,728	3.7%
Pueblo County (November) 2017	75,760	72,406	3,354	4.4%
Colorado (November) 2017	3,028,318	2,940,564	87,754	2.9%

Source: LAUS Unit, LAUS system output file

Mesa and Pueblo County November 2016				
Region	Labor Force			Unemployment Rate
Mesa County	71,942			4.2%
Pueblo County	73,428			4.2%

- 1.) The top table shows the State and Mesa County’s average weekly wages as well as average establishments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2017. Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017 is the **most recent data available**.
- 2.) The second table highlights Mesa County’s and the state of Colorado unemployment rate for the month of June 2017. The Mesa County’s unemployment rate it is still above the state average.

Description	2017 Jobs	2017 Location Quotient
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2,863	1.77
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	3,880	5.91
Utilities	235	0.89
Construction	6,097	1.32
Manufacturing	3,308	0.56
Wholesale Trade	2,728	0.90
Retail Trade	10,177	1.18
Transportation and Warehousing	2,734	0.87
Information	918	0.59
Finance and Insurance	3,933	0.90
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5,666	1.39
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3,979	0.66
Management of Companies and Enterprises	176	0.16
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	4,294	0.78
Educational Services	1,141	0.50
Health Care and Social Assistance	11,125	1.14
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,807	0.91
Accommodation and Food Services	7,070	1.10
Other Services (except Public Administration)	4,152	0.87
Government	10,436	0.96

Source: Economic Modeling Specialists International

The above table shows an industry specific total number of jobs in Mesa County for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2017 and its location quotient. A location quotient of 1.00 represents the average concentration for the above industries state wide.

## **Mesa County Workforce Center – Year in Review 2017**

### **Mesa County Workforce Center and the Workforce Development Board**

- **2,891** new jobs obtained through WFC Services in calendar year 2017
- Led the Work Ready Community Initiative – **1<sup>st</sup>** Certified Work Ready Community in the state of Colorado
- Successful in obtaining a One-Stop-Operator
- Became a Certified board through the Workforce Development Council

### **Employment Services 2017:**

- **550** new jobs obtained
- **702** individuals attended the Job Search Tool Box Workshop
- **7,653** Job Orders posted/**12,249** Job Openings
- **92** new web employers
- **987** employers served
- **51** customized Hiring Events
- **2** large job fairs – **871** Job seekers attended/ **100** employers attended
- **3,527** Youth registered in Connecting Colorado through Governor’s Summer Job Hunt
- **4,503** individuals served by Employment Specialists receiving **16,949** unique services
- **5,594** individuals used the Resource Room **15,706** times
- **1,275** NCRC’s administered

### **Career Development (WIOA) 2017:**

- 218 Occupational Skills Trainings provided
- 285 Supportive Services provided
- **197** Work Based Learnings
- **265** jobs obtained
- **\$417,000**– Savings to employers in training and on-boarding costs
- Led the state in Work Based Learning Activities

### **Kick Start (Youth WIOA) 2017:**

- **42** Young Adults placed in paid work experience
- **19** were hired with Work Experience placement
- **19** were closed to employed elsewhere/Education/Training/Military
- **78%** Success rate



### **GED – AEFLA Program 2017:**

- **389** individuals checked in
- **55** passed all 4 subject GED practice tests
- **49** of the 55 completed and received their GED

### **Employment First 2017:**

- **4,079** Unique Individuals
- **739** Attended Employment 1<sup>st</sup> job workshop
- **18,893** customer service hours served – economic impact of **\$456,077**

### **Colorado Works 2017:**

- Caseloads dropped from **692** (12/16) to **613** (12/17)
- **302** CW clients gained employment
- Successful recipients of CW STEP grant to implement Work Based Learning in Colorado Works

### **Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) 2017:**

- Over **980** Children receiving quality child care – allowing parents to work
- **52** individuals received employment from referrals to other programs

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### **Workforce Development Board Subcommittee – CareerLink 2017:**

- **CareerWise**
  - **10** business partners
  - **13** Apprentices
  - **14** new opportunities in 2018
  - Repeat customers (ProStar Geocorp, Stonebridge/Doubletree, School District 51 and Monument Health)
- **Young Entrepreneurs Academy**
  - **31+** business volunteers from 31 different businesses throughout the community in 2017
  - **\$5,400** awarded to help fund startup cost for student businesses, from 17 different sponsors in 2017
  - **8** students graduated the YEA! program as CEO's of their own companies in 2017
  - **4** students sent to Rochester, New York to compete at a regional level for the Saunders's Scholarship, since 2013
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- **Work Ready Community Initiative**
  - Became the first certified work ready community in the state of Colorado
  - **3,217** NCRC's issued
  - **125** local employers supporting the work ready community initiative
  - Incorporated electronic NCRC testing in all SD51 high schools
  - **13%** - Mesa County test takers are testing out at **13%** higher than the national average on the NCRC
  
- **Job Connects**
  - **10** Job Connects students enrolled in the first cohort
  - **4** gained permanent employment in the manufacturing industry
  - **4** chose to further their education at WCCC