



Workforce Development *is* Economic Development

512 29 ½ Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81504

Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 25th, 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; 1-877-394-5806 for long distance callers
Access Code: 0050084 followed by the # sign

7: 15 -7:30 AM Light Breakfast

7:30 – 7:40 AM Attendance and Roll Call/ Visitor Recognition
Introductions
Steve-trains electricians,
Lisa-Educator and owner of no coast sushi

7:40 – 7:50 AM WFC Success Story: An individual went through the job development program for a CNA and is very happy and comfortable in her new position. She went from having a job to having a career. She worked with Jennifer Vargas and is looking forward to continuing on with her education.

Lance Kramer-Name Tents Lisa Boyd, Steve Pescke

7:50 AM **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 July 24th Meeting minutes** (Included in attachments)-Diane motioned to approved consent agenda and seconded by Karen, no one opposed.
- **Customized Training Policy** (Included in attachments)

7:50 – 8:00 AM Workforce Center Volume Report: The numbers for the WFC have dropped a bit, there are a large number of people who are employed when they come to the WFC. They are looking at changing career fields or wanting to work in a different career field. There are usually multiple job openings under each job order. FT job orders continue to grow. In October there will be some seasonal hiring and the job orders will increase again for the seasonal positions that will be open. YTD job orders are up 17% from this time last year. There are more and more employers using Connecting Colorado, there are staff at the WFC who verify those openings regularly. Unemployment rates are low, but the increase for that is based on people who are working in MC and this is the largest labor force that we have had in MC. Curtis reviewed the location quotients for the board members. This document was emailed and can be shared.

8:00 – 8:30 AM Workforce Center Tour and program overview-the purpose is to grasp and really recognize the services that are available at the workforce center.

8:30 – 9:00 AM Program and Sub Committee updates:



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- Workforce Development Luncheon debrief-Elizabeth Gardner luncheon, Diane thought that Elizabeth did a great job and would like to continue this on an annual basis. Her presentation was geared to a workforce audience and it was great for local employers to utilize the local workforce center. There were about 100 people in attendance. There were about 30 employers who affirmed their support after the meeting which was great. Nina heard great feedback and thought that it would be beneficial for an annual presentation. Greg suggested that maybe the timing be readjusted so that it is “a new” presentation since she has spoken in GJ previously this year. Possibly the spring would be good. Elizabeth did provide more recent data and that was appreciated.
- Career Link – Workforce Week recap-Diane updated board-4 new potential sites, September was workforce month. There have been a lot of things around work ready focus. It would be helpful for a little bit more publicity and this has the potential to grow. Career wise is in the recruitment phase; need to sign up by November.
- Work Ready Communities-The info graphic discussed was an attachment. Please fill out the form if you would like to reaffirm your support. By completing the form, it acknowledges that you recognize and support the work ready communities.
- Youth Career Exploration website (findyourfuture.us)-Came out of the career link, this is a one stop shop for youth workers. The youth collaboration team build this. There was a video shared-

9:00 AM

Adjourn

❖ Items in ***Bolded Italics*** require a vote

Attachments: July WDB meeting minutes; Customized Training Policy; WFC Volume Report