



Workforce Development *is* Economic Development

512 29 ½ Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81504

Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 - 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: 0984846 followed by the # sign

7: 15 -7:30 AM Light Breakfast

7:30 – 7:35AM Attendance and Roll Call/ New Board Member Recognition
Introductions

7:35– 7:40AM WFC Success Story: A husband and a wife came in to have their resumes enhanced and after working with Ericka, they left with hard copies of their resumes and a zip drive with their resumes stored on them. Ericka worked with them to make sure their resume highlighted key skills and created an attractive resume, which they have both received several interviews from. The wife was able to secure a job with the Veterans Administration and her husband is still interviewing. The woman was grateful for Ericka’s help and the resources that were offered to her and her husband through the Workforce Center.

7:45 AM **Consent Agenda:** Motioned for approval by Diane Schwenke, John Justman seconded the motion, approved across the board.

***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 January 22nd meeting minutes** (Included in attachments)
- **Appoint Lance Kramer, FCI Construction to the Workforce Development Board Executive Committee– Business Rep-**
- **Appoint Cheri Taylor, College and Career Readiness Director to the Workforce Development Board – Education Rep-**

7:45 – 8:00 AM Workforce Center Volume Report (included in attachments)-People are coming to the workforce center who are already employed, but looking for something different. Employers are becoming more familiar with the WFC system and are posting numerous job postings for multiple openings in the same position. The labor force is the highest it has been since August of 2013. The numbers indicate that the workforce is better than it has been. Unemployment rates are the lowest that they have been since 2008. The reported “average wage increase” number within the report could be impacted by the minimum wage increase.



Workforce Development *is* Economic Development

512 29 ½ Rd
Grand Junction, CO 81504

8:00 AM- 8:50 AM Presentation: School District 51 – Performance Based Learning Model Update (Diana Sirko, Rebecca Midles) – *Slide deck sent out to the board*
22,000 students are served through D51. It is important for students to improve to have an effective school AND an effective teacher. It is important to invest in our teachers so that those teachers can be effective and produce great students. The performance based learning is currently implemented in all schools district wide at this point. Some of the schools are further along than others, but all schools are in some “phase” of the performance-based learning. There are other school districts in Colorado who are using this model as well. There are 22 coaches in 44 schools. The district is currently using an evaluation model from the state in order to bring teachers up to being “effective.” The majority of D51 teachers are rated as effective or highly effective teachers.

8:50 AM-9:00AM Program and Sub Committee updates:

- P-Tech – Brigitte Sunderman: D51 now pays for summer college credits; students can earn an associate’s degree while in HS. April 29 will be a sign up for P-Tech. Brigitte will be checking into how funding will be affected for P-Tech with full day kindergarten being a push for the Governor. P-Tech will have 80 students coming in for STEM at CHS. Last year 90 students received WCCC Certificates; it is projected that this year 180 students will receive a certificate. P-Tech will be a standing agenda item so that the board can receive updates on a regular basis.
- Career Link – Diane Schwenke: Wednesday at 6:00 is the shark tank exercise for the youth at the Marriott, if you are looking for an apprentice for 2019-2020 please contact Career Link for those needs.
- Work Ready Communities – Still working through the recertification goal; there are 96 employers who have reaffirmed their commitment, there are 117 needed to meet the goal. Montrose is about 17% and Delta at about 12% to becoming certified.

9:00 AM Adjourn

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

Attachments: January WDB meeting minutes; WFC Volume Report