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Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, July 26th, 2022: 7:30am-9:00am

HYBRID MEETING

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

7:35 AM WFC Success Story

We had over 600 enrollments this PY across all programs (WIOA, Emergency Grants, Veteran Grants, Apprenticeships, RUN/WIG, TAA). How amazing is that?! We could not have helped all of these deserving clients without all of you and your awesome teamwork. We've had a very successful and unique year to make an impact

7:30-7:35 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.*

- i. 5/24/22 WDB Meeting minutes' approval*
- ii. Data Integrity and Participation Cycle for WIOA and TAA*
- iii. On-The-Job Training Policy*
- iv. WIOA Title I Eligibility Requirements*

Reviewed policies in WDB Executive; all are updates to current policies.

Nina Anderson motions to approve consent agenda, Karen seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes.

7:35 – 7:45 AM **Chair and Vice Chair Discussion/Nomination**

Nina Anderson motions for Karen Troester to serve as the WDB Chair. Brigitte seconds, nobody opposed. Terms are 1 year with the option to serve a second. The bylaws state we bring a slate of nominees. If there are any additional nominees on the floor, we still need a vice chair. Curtis Englehart would be happy to serve as the vice chair in his new GJEP role.

Nina Anderson motions for Curtis Englehart to serve as Vice Chair and Karen Troester seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes.

Thank you to Diane and Curtis for their service to this board. Lance has served 2 years as chair and we are grateful for his service.

7:45 – 8:00 AM Wagner Peyser Notice of Proposed Rule Making Update (Curtis Englehart)

This Federal proposed rule to require all WP staff become State merit staff. 1165 public comments were submitted which was really great. We have a lot of traction going to keep this as a local controlled WFC. Right now we are in a "wait and see" mode and anticipate 60-90 days for USDOL to review all the comments. Thank to you



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everyone for the support. It is unknown if the Governor's staff has spoken to the President's office, but he did submit a letter and has been very vocal in support of us.

8:00 – 8:10 AM WFC Director Transition discussion (Jill Calvert)

Curtis has a strong supervisor team and we are very confident in the team moving forward with business as usual. We selected a WFC manager, Lindsay Bullock, who was previously the Career Development Supervisor. As she learns her new position, Barb Golden and I will be the interim WFC Directors. We want to take some time to learn the programs and have staff give input on what we will be looking for in a leader. DHS will post the Director position when ready and will discuss including individuals from the WDB as part of the interview panel.

8:10 – 8:20 AM WFC Volume Report and Economic Overview (Included in attachments) – (Curtis Englehart)

We are still seeing a healthy number of job orders coming in and have 681 active employers using Connecting Colorado. For the Ratio of fulltime/part time job orders, we can pull data to see how we compare to other communities. Currently Mesa has seen a huge swing from part time into full time.

WIOA met goals in all programs- adult, dislocated worker, youth and RUN. We will be contacting other local areas to see if we can take on any un-used RUN funds, as this has been very successful in Mesa County.

WFC hosted 21 hiring events and job fairs, with 723 attendees as well as 85 workshops with 163 attendees.

Employment Wage Statistics: Q4 2021 average employment increased 2,485 from Q4 2020. We are still lagging the State for the average weekly wage. Are we seeing a decrease in individuals using DHS services? It is hard to tell because of the Public Health Emergency and individuals currently locked-in to benefits.

Unemployment rate currently at 3.6% for June 2022. June 2021 was at 6.9%. We expect the rate to continue trending downward.

Industries: Mesa is doing better in manufacturing, IT and education; and not as well in construction, retail and health care compared to the nation.

Location quotient – anything over a 1.0 is higher concentration than the state average. We are still outpacing the state in energy, which is our top industry. Top 5 are energy, construction, health care, retail trade, food service.

8:20 AM Program and Sub Committee updates:

- CareerLink (Curtis Englehart)
CareerLink is continuing to meet on a monthly basis, if anyone is interested lunch is provided on the 2nd Tues of the month. There was a recent presentation from SD51 on work-based learning and discussed how we can support. The group is much more action-focused.
- ED First Responders (Curtis Englehart)
Still completing the EDA Roadmap strategic planning with EPS. The City of Fruita received the grant and the roadmap is to help coming out of the pandemic. It seems we are quite a few steps ahead than the consultants are.
- Learn for Less Initiative WCCC – Brigitte Sundermann
Not a lot of people in the community know about the Governor being here and the press conference. We are doing a 40% reduction in tuition; approximately \$10k less per semester. This is not just for the students, employers are willing to help pay for student's tuition. WCCC is partnering with businesses such as Wagner and



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Transwest and the tuition bill is going straight to the employer. Please help get the word out to increase enrollment. The total enrollment at about 1700 currently.

9:00 AM

Adjourn

FAREWELL DIANE!!! THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT! WE WISH YOU NOTHING BUT THE BEST IN YOUR RETIREMENT!!

- ❖ Items in ***Bolded Italics*** require a vote
- ❖ Attachments: 5/22 Meeting Minutes; Data Integrity and Participation Cycle for WIOA and TAA; On-The-Job Training Policy; WIOA Title I Eligibility Requirements; Workforce Center Volume Report and Economic Overview