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Grand Junction, CO 81504

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Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022: 7:30am-9:00am

**HYBRID MEETING**

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7:30 AM Attendance and Roll Call

7:35 AM WFC Success Story

To kick off Workforce Development month, the Workforce Center released the first of several upcoming social media success stories. This post focused on Christina Lee, who had moved to Grand Junction from out of state and was looking for job placement. She had been a teacher in her former home, but because she was not certified in Colorado she was struggling to find employment in her desired field. She participated in the Career Development program through the Workforce Center where she was matched Eureka! McConnell Science Center through an on-the-job training opportunity. Christina was hired as a STEAM instructor for their summer camp in 2018. She successfully completed her on-the-job training program and remained working with Eureka! Today she is their Education Director and still loves the job she has and the business she works for.

Alma Sekulich attended the GJHS Workforce Development Day. The WFC and Chamber did an amazing job and we believe this type of event will catch on with more of the high schools. The kids were very engaged and it was a whole day of the community coming together. Thank you to the WFC!

7:35 - 7:40 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. 7/26/22 WDB Meeting minutes approval**

**Tim Fry motions to approve consent agenda. Brigitte Sundermann seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes.**

7:40 - 7:55 AM One Stop Operator Presentation (Kim Manzanares and Matt Furphy, DHS)

As the One-Stop Operator, Fiscal Operations and Quality Assurance (FOQA) collects, catalogs and maintains MOUs as well as monitors and tracks the duration. There is an adequate firewall between programs and the One Stop Operator. FOQA does not provide career services, is not on the WDB, does not develop local plans, negotiate performance outcomes, develop budgets for the WDB or monitor the One Stop contract. The contract ends 6/30/2027. For 2021-2022, cost sharing was \$9,497 which is possibly the cheapest One Stop Operator in the nation.

**Andrew Golike motions to renew FOQA as the One Stop Operator, Tim Fry seconds. Nobody opposed, motion passes.**

Powerpoint presentation will be emailed to WDB.



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7:55 - 8:05 AM Workforce Development Month (Lindsay Bullock)

9/1 CMU Fall Job Fair

9/7 WFC Open House to highlight all of our programs

9/7 GJ Passport Webinar

9/7 Workforce Development Day @ GJHS

9/22 Workforce Innovation Open House

9/27 Job Fair Boot Camp

10/6 WFC Fall Job Fair

There is still time for employers to get a booth for the job fair. Please reach out to Lindsay Bullock if you're interested.

Skills-based hiring discussion-

The Governor announced the State will be doing more skills based hiring. The WFC has job profilers and Work Keys; we need to promote these to employers. Elise, CDLE, is not aware of skills-based hiring yet, will keep us updated. It will be important to get testimony from employers on how they use transferrable skills.

Military skills- the WFC has the VSO and State Veteran's Rep to assist with translating military resumes. Jill has been working with Brigitte on Helping Professions skillsets, certifications, training, internships to pipeline into career.

Tony Smith, CWDC, will be offering skills-based hiring technical assistance in the next month or so. Please email him at [tony.smith@state.co.us](mailto:tony.smith@state.co.us) if interested.

8:05 - 8:15 AM WFC Volume Report and Economic Overview (Included in attachments) – (Barb Golden)

WFC Volume is steadily increasing since August 2021. Job orders are down but job openings are steady. (There can be multiple job openings per job order)

Work-based Learning has 153 adults, 36 dislocated, 96 youth and 145 RUN grants. (Reskill, Upskill, NextSkill)

WFC Events for PY21- 21 hiring events and job fairs with 723 attendees. 85 workshops with 163 attendees. August unemployment rate for Mesa County is 3.6%, Colorado rate is 3.3%. August 2021 our unemployment rate was 5.4%.

In the last 6-8 weeks, it feels that the workforce is shifting; we have been seeing a lot more candidates to hire.

Bureau of Labor Statistics shows 25-50yo males are the ones not coming back into the workforce, not necessarily women.

8:15 AM Program and Sub Committee updates:

- CareerLink - Lindsay Bullock  
Working on findyourfuture.us website for youth and job seeking career planning. Trying to increase traffic. Next month there is a high school construction event to highlight trade occupations. November we are doing strategic planning to improve the committee and be more impactful in the future. If interested, we meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Chamber.
- WCCC – Brigitte Sundermann  
WCCC's Learn for Less Initiative- 40% less tuition. 7 medical programs are little to no cost to students. CNA starts in October. We are doing apprenticeships for diesel



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mechanics and employers are helping to pay for tuition. Early Childhood programs will be offered at no cost next year.

WFC Director position was posted yesterday and will be open for 2 weeks. Barb and Jill will keep the WDB posted.

Talent equity agenda- Renise Walker, CWDC, may be doing a road show. Tim will reach out and email Barb with the information.

Transportation- Alma has been working with GVT and they have been great. Working to get stops from affordable housing to employers, not just shopping areas. Need to get a GVT route down Riverside Pkwy for industrial employers.

Nina has been working with WCHRA to get services for Afghan refugees. Joint Development Associates (JDA) may be a good resource. Andrew has contact information.

9:00 AM          Adjourn

- ❖ Items in ***Bolded Italics*** require a vote
- ❖ Attachments: 7/26 Meeting Minutes; Workforce Center Volume Report and Economic Overview