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Mesa County Workforce Development Board - Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 24, 2023: 7:30am-9:00am

HYBRID MEETING

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7:30 AM Attendance and Roll Call

7:35 AM Welcome Commissioner Bobbie Daniel, who will be replacing Commissioner Janet Rowland as our local elected official. Welcome new Board members Karli Reimer, Mark Tilley and Ben Johns.

7:40 AM WFC Success Story

This past week, we had two separate customers achieve successful employment after receiving assistance from our Employment Services team. The first came in for follow up services a few days after our 50+ workshop. She was in the resource room working on unemployment insurance information where she mentioned to the staff member, she had been to a few interviews recently but nothing had come from any of them yet. While working on the computers she received a phone call and stepped out. When she returned to the resource room, she was glowing. She informed the worker who was helping her that she just received a job offer and would begin her new employment the following week.

Our second customer came in for some help with her resume and job searching. After her initial appointment, our staff followed up with her to see if she would like to schedule a mock interview. The customer responded that she was just leaving him a voicemail about her second interview when she received a call from the company offering her a job. She was very excited to be starting a new position and thanked him for all of his assistance. It is always something to celebrate when we get to witness our customers' success first hand; the fact that we were able to witness it twice in one week was very exciting for our team!

7:45 - 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.*

- i. **11/22/22 WDB Meeting Minutes Approval**
- ii. **Stipend Policy**
- iii. **Participant Procedure**

Alma Sekulich motions to approve, Stacey Mascarenas seconds. Nobody opposed, motion approved.

7:50 - 7:55 AM Introduction of joint position between GJEP and WFC (Lindsay)

WFC & GJEP have started a joint position to work with the expansion of new businesses and introducing new businesses into the area with WFC services. We will do a presentation later in the year when we have measurable outcomes. This is very exciting to see it come to fruition and is a great opportunity for collaboration. GJEP is



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working to communicate that we help with business expansion, not just recruitment. We are excited to bring stats to you once we get it going. This is a position within GJEP.

7:55 - 8:25 AM Talent Pipeline Presentation - (Caitlin McKennie – CDLE)

(See PowerPoint) Job recovery surpassed losses during the pandemic. Tight labor force couple with headwinds in the labor market cause uncertainty for job seekers & employers. 2022 Top Jobs Criteria: projected high net annual openings (>40) + above average growth rate + a good wage based on cost of living on CO. 178 jobs meet the 2022 criteria with 70 tier 1 and 108 tier 2.

8:25 – 8:35AM WFC Volume Report and Economic Overview – (Lindsay Bullock)

Job orders are trending down. Top categories are sales, office support and transportation. Work-based learning enrollments are at 62% of goal and youth at 48% of goal. These numbers are promising as we are about half way through the year. WFC hosted 30 hiring events with 920 attendees. Our workshops were not well attended, but we are looking at creative ideas to increase attendance. Q2 wage statistics shows Mesa County's average weekly wage at \$921, with the State at \$1283. UI rate at 3.1% in Mesa County and 2.8% in the state as a whole.

8:35 AM Program and Sub Committee updates:

- CareerLink - Candace Carnahan
Candace not in attendance, but Alma and Stacey gave the update. CareerLink is working on strategic planning, finding quantitative data to measure successes, and trying to expand. Candace is doing a great job and committee and businesses are being held accountable to utilizing the resources.
We will ask Candace to bring the finalized goals for the next WDB meeting.
- ED First Responders
ED worked on new direction and are meeting every other month now. The roadmap is being completed through DOLA and Fruita applied for it. Working toward creating resiliency for economic future. There are large scale initiatives are in the works.

Fruita Chamber is stepping up their involvement and have an economic round table in the works.

Alma- Transportation options needs to expand, especially for manufacturing businesses and the Fruita area.

9:00 AM Adjourn

Karen Troester motions adjourn, Stacey Mascarenas seconds.

- ❖ Items in ***Bolded Italics*** require a vote
- ❖ Attachments: 11/22 Meeting Minutes; Workforce Center Volume Report, Stipend Policy and Participant Procedure Policy