



Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board of Directors

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 3, 2007

MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Pamela Bakeman, Dr. Linda Bowman, Denise Brown, Judy Emery, Martin Fletchall, Dr. Berton Glandon, Kevin Hougan, Chris Gray, Joyce Johnson, Linda Murphy, Jerry McArthy, Pat Noonan, Anne Robinson, Scott Robb, Skip Schlenk, Bill Skidmore, Matt Smith, Cheryl Ternes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Steve Boand, Sue Carparelli, Lynn Dawson, Steve DelCastillo, John Fleck, Mary Claire Friesema-Tucker, Booker Graves, Jack Hilbert, Al Knoblock, John Osborn, Pat Pierson, Greg Rossman, Sandra Steiner, Judy Taylor, Scott Van Ramshorst, Danny Sisneros, Frank Weddig

STAFF PRESENT:

Margo Alvillar, Joseph Barela, Dawn Garcia, Dawn Gardner, Patrick Holwell, Darcy Kennedy, Don Klemme, Najwa Jad, Kelly McDougal



FISCAL FINANCIALS UPDATE:

- Darcy Kennedy went over the PY2006 Quarterly Fiscal Dashboard (cumulative through March 2007)
- Received PY2007/FY2008 WIA allocations. Although PY2007 WIA funds have been cut, ADW! will have a large PY2006 carry in balance in Adult and DW. This is partially due to the Enhanced DW transfer.

DIVISION MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Joseph introduced guests/potential new members Scott Robb and Matt Smith. Scott has 20 years with Intermountain Electrical as a Superintendent. Matt works as the Director of marketing and Communications for People Report which is a national HR Tracking Center for large restaurant chains.
- Recent hiring events –
 - We had a youth job fair in March which was held in the DTC. We had 80 different employers and over 800 youth come through the Marriott DTC. It was a huge success.
 - We also had a 50+ job fair which boasted 2500 job seekers and 80 employers. This event really showed the demand for mature workers in the workforce.
 - Frontier Airlines held a hiring event in the open area of the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Center in Aurora. 425 came through our facility and 203 people received job offers!
- Arapahoe/Douglas Works! is a semi-finalist for the Alfred P. Sloan Award which measures life and work balance. US Today will print a feature on the winners.

- Being the premiere workforce center has been a recent focus of both the Workforce Board and the center itself. We are pleased to announce that since the last meeting we have been featured in 12 various news articles which lists the services we provide.
- We are gearing up to submit a CPEX application for 2007. In 2004 we applied for the Timberline Award and received the Foothills award. The feedback is really beneficial in recognizing what we are doing right and what we can improve on.
- James McDonough is no longer with Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

YOUTH IN THE WORKS! UPDATE (Kelly):

- Independent living classes will begin soon.
- On Saturday (date) a ropes course was held with coordination from our center and two partner organizations. It was a huge success.
- Our agency was chosen to do technical assistance with Oklahoma.

SECTOR EDUCATION: BIOSCIENCE/HEALTHCARE (Pat and Dawn Gardner):

- Baby-boomers are getting set to retire. Baby boomers are a huge part of the workforce
- According to Allied Health Care there are 5 million jobs nationwide with 80 different professions including;
 - Athletic training
 - Dentistry-assistants
 - Alternative Healthcare
 - Art therapists-which is one of the top growing sectors (arts and humanities)
- A discussion was also held regarding the registered nurse industry shortage. Although there are excellent job opportunities available one issue is that there are not enough teachers to conduct clinicals and there are such long waiting lists to complete mandatory clinical's that often times they pursue other professions.

COLORADO BIOSCIENCE ASSOCIATION (Denise Brown):

- Currently there are 400 bioscience related companies in Colorado with a total of 16,000 employees total.
- This industry includes pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology, Medical devices and instruments.
- Boulder has the largest concentration of drugs and pharmaceutical employment among medium sized metro areas. Denver-Aurora is an "emerging" region in drugs and pharmaceutical.
- Some strategies were mentioned in supporting the growth of the industry including;
 - "Grow our Own" – Improve current business environment and create incentives for job creation and early stage investments.
- Jobs in Bioscience include – Research and development (Scientists, Engineers and Lab Technicians), Manufacturing, Regulatory Professionals, Management, Finance, Accounting, Business Development, Marketing, IT Professionals, Clinical Trials Managers, Legal and Quality Control Personnel
- The Colorado Bioscience Association is the bioscience industry association for Colorado. CBSA works to provide leadership in the development of statewide and regional plans for the growth of bioscience in Colorado.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, September 6, 2007, 8:00-10:00am
Arapahoe/Douglas Works CentrePoint Plaza – Bennett Room
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