

Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Investment Board
Meeting Minutes / December 4, 2014

FIRST RELEASE

In Attendance

Members

Mary Riebe (Arapahoe/Douglas WIB Chair), Kevin Hougen, Andrew Bercich, Matt Cohrs, Ben Van Dorn, Sandra Wagner, Caren Swales, Tony Smith, Tim Ryan, Dr. Betsey, Andrea, Mimi Leonard, Mame Fuhrman, John Fleck, Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Don Klemme, Kimberley A, Ashlie E, Dr. Diana Doyle, Jennifer Carleton, Judy Taylor, Hilary Prag, Susan Rogers

Guests

Chaer Roberts, Shelley Woodson

Staff

Joe Barela, Judy Emery, Darcy Kennedy, Kelly Folks, Najwa Khalaf, Ron Perea, Patrick Holwell, Tanya Muniz, Alisha Romero, Yanet Ocampo, Yvette Yeon

Excused

Absent

Welcome and Introductions (All)

WIB Member Announcements (All)

Matt: I-25 and Arapahoe new CoBank Center, AMG Bank going up on Caley. Two months ago Sierra Trading Post opened. Trader Joe's also opened up in that center. Prices are pretty good. Hotel property across the street from new CoBank building; near RTD parking lot. 5-star Westin hotel going there; the final approval went through last week. 1st 5-star hotel in the south metro area. Lightrail accessibility.

Ben: Gearing up for new congressional term.

Hilary: Refugee services starting to see high skilled individuals. Staff skilled to place refugees in variety of jobs. Higher skilled professionals in technical careers, so I see this Workforce Center as a great partnership. Credentialing is a hurdle.

Sandra: AARP can use office space for recruitment opportunities. If you have any clients 55+ in Arapahoe County, low-income, please contact Sandra.

Judy: Classes for C level executives are available, so I am getting more information for the mature worker.

Caren: Colbran Job Corps relationship with ADW and other WFC's, we don't anticipate issues with WIOA.

Tim: Denver Marriot Tech Center will have Sage Hospitality Management. Major renovation starting in December next year. Will remain Marriott DTC.

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Andrea: New hotel going up; opening in 2016. Adjacent to light rail station across from Anschutz, construction of VA Hospital. A need for hospitality workers.

Mimi: Required to have advisory committees to inform us what's going on in the real world, so we can help youth going out into the real world. Always looking for members and I will provide lunch. Please contact me.

Mame: Started a new position with Goodwill Industries. See it as a wonderful compliment to the WIB. Nate Valtakis has been wonderful helping us with filling positions.

John: Coming from the construction trades, we boomers are starting to leave the workforce, so we are continuously recruiting. The opportunities out there are unbelievable. In our school it is free. Some of my people are skinning the buildings going up, which is a great thing to see.

Kimberley: We are currently looking for 15 CDL drivers in our location. Generational challenges are present and we are looking for training opportunities.

Ashley: LoneTree campus doubled our presence in Colorado.

Jennifer: Getting through end of year. Educating our employers about turnaround with clients. Quick decisions and be decisive.

Judy: Denver Metro Area CUWA will be the convener.

Kevin: Many jobs, but since with NSA (black industry), we don't hear about it. Department of Defense with Buckley. Over 1,000 VIP last year. \$300,000 grant through State of Colorado for analysis. We don't hear about military installations much. It is all connected; we are ready to accept more commissions. We have a small number in military compared to other years. Putting vets back to work.

Don: Joe and I had a meeting. We went over how to develop scorecard about how the County is spending. In April we will have further information.

Andrew: NAWB moved and has more office space. Expect to see more collaboration amongst the groups. Hired a communications and marketing individual. Still a lot of unanswered questions with WIOA.

County Updates (Arapahoe Commissioner Nancy Jackson):

Commissioner Nancy Jackson:

- Completed budget and it is balanced. Not starting anything new.
- Have to have some stability. We have money for health issues, programs have been set up, crisis hotline, state has finally woken up and are addressing those issues. If you have folks who are experiencing those types of issues, there are resources available.
- There is no affordable housing, so the Governor will ask for money for affordable housing. Looking at help from other quarters.
- Another interesting year at the legislature. Hopefully we can all work together.

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- Was reelected. Hoping I can stay on this board, if not, one of the other commissioners will be present.
- Put forward a proposal about the board (end of march/April) on national stage; highlighting poverty reduction, livable wages for the Opportunity Works Task Force.
- Really exciting announcement – Joe has been asked to sit on the Workforce Innovation Act Implementation team in Washington DC. It will be a six month commitment, living in D.C.; negotiating something now. It is an honor for all of us, but extremely important for us.

Presentation: State of Working Colorado 2014 – Chaer Roberts
Cclponline.org – presentation is available

Presentation: The Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative – Shelley Woodson

Director's and Financial Report (Joe Barela, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!)

- Darcy: Dashboard through October. Highlights are our FY15. 1.3 million adult, transferred half from DW to AD (that's why so large)
 - DVOP
 - TAA
 - GSJH – Beginning January 1st
 - AARP
 - Waiting on WIOA Fiscal Impacts
- Joe: Part of a state 15 million grant with state of agriculture. Rapid attachment, take skills you have and place you in the workforce. We want to impact that with 200 families to go from \$11.44 to \$16.00 per hour. This is a control study, so there will be 200 families who will participate and 200 families who do not. We will find out in January if we got approved for this proposal.
- We have a presence in Douglas County and it is growing. Youth program, training opportunities, etc...
- February transition of leadership; Mary will become the past chair and Andrew will become the new chair. Susan showed interest for vice chair. If anyone else is interested, please let me know. It will be up to Andrew to decide how long he wants to serve as chair.

Presentation: PY 13 Economic Impact of Workforce Center Operations – Patrick Holwell

WIB Taskforce Updates: (Kevin Hougen, WIB Past Chair, Aurora Chamber of Commerce; Judy Taylor, Leading Edge Advisors; Mary Riebe, WIB Chair, Kaiser Permanente; Judy Emery, GMDH Project Manager)

Opportunity Works Taskforce –Commissioner Nancy Jackson:

- Update to be given at next meeting.
- Reminder: Next Meeting is 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2014.

Veterans Taskforce – Kevin Hougen:

- Update to be given at next meeting.

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Mature Worker Taskforce – Judy Taylor:

- Update to be given at next meeting.

Healthcare Taskforce – Judy Emery:

- Presentation given earlier in meeting.

Adjournment: (Mary Riebe, WIB Chair, Kaiser Permanente)

Next WIB Meeting: February 5, 2014