Minutes

Workforce Development Board Meeting
Thursday – February 2, 2017 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

In Attendance
Members
Evan Abbott, Kimberly Ardo-Eisenbeis, Chad Argentar (proxy for Andrea Amonick), Andrew Bercich (Chair), Matt Cohrs, Judy Emery, Josh Evans, Mame Fuhrman, Lacey Golonka, Peter Hancock, Kevin Hougen (past Chair), Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Don Klemme, Douglas Melphy, Lynn Myers, Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven, Mary Riebe (Past Chair), Susan Rogers (Vice Chair), Judy Taylor, Cheryl Temes, Sandra Wagner, Ashley Walker, Commissioner Dave Weaver

Guests
Erika Anderson, Abigail Ault, Randy Bemer, J B Bettinger, Joanne Brennan, Matt Comett, Becky Nelson, Aurora Ogg, Randy Penn, Willie President, Jim Spence, J . Tillman, LeeDel Cohenour, Anne Petti

Staff
Joe Barela, Kelly Folks, Dawn Gardner, Patrick Holwell, Darcy Kennedy, Tanya Muniz, Caitlin Wilson, Yanet Ocampo

Excused
Andrea Amonick, Leah Bullinger,

Absent
Jennifer Bellmire, Jennifer Carleton, Krista Dann, William Dowling, Dr. Diana Doyle, John Fleck, Fannie Stokes, Scott Van Ramshorst, Jason Wardrip, Che Yi

11:00 a.m. Welcome/Call to Order Andrew Bercich, WDB Chair

WDB Member Announcements Susan Rogers, WDB Vice Chair, thresholdHR

Judy Taylor: Will do a Generations in the Workplace presentation at A/D Works! Generations @ Work!

Matt Cohrs: There will be some new development in Greenwood Village – similar to a “work, play, live” environment.

Chad Argentar: The R Line will be open on the 24th of this month. The Stanley Market continues to open new businesses every week. Amazon will build a new distribution center and is anticipating 600 jobs.

Kim Ardo-Eisenbeis: CoreMark lost a contract and is losing about 50 employees – we will try and help these employees relocate. CoreMark will continue to stay in Colorado.
JB Bettinger: Stonegate will be increasing from 2500 associates to 3500 associates.

Lynn Myers: Toastmasters International is considering moving its headquarters from California to Colorado.

Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven: Community College of Aurora and Aurora Community College are seeing an increase in enrollments. We are working on an entrepreneur program.

Kevin Hougen: Buckley Airforce Base received over $26 million to expand by about one third. One hundred percent of companies working on the reconstruction will be Colorado companies.

11:15 a.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe Commissioner Jackson
Douglas Commissioner Weaver

Commissioner Jackson: We will hold a leadership workshop at the end of the month to help construct the budget.

Commissioner Weaver: Working on partnership with CDOT. We are hoping to break ground on I-25 project going into monument to relieve congestion.

11:25 a.m. **WDB Taskforce Updates:**

**Veterans Engagement Taskforce**

Kevin Hougen: Veterans First Law Enforcement Hiring Event was held at Lima Plaza on January 12th. The Veterans Corner Newsletter is now on the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! website. The Veterans Service to Career Pilot Grant awarded to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will provide Veterans seeking employment with wrap-around resources.

**Healthcare/GMDHP Taskforce**

Jeana Capel-Jones: Rounding out 2016, the Partnership, along with its regional workforce partners, were able to enroll eight students in Denver Health’s Medical Lab Scientist program. This occupation is experiencing a national shortage; therefore, upon completion of this one year program, these students will be able to find employment in the metro area. Our workforce and business partners have supported this successful program for close to five years.

**Opportunity Works! Taskforce**

Commissioner Jackson: Opportunity Works will be hosting a Housing Forum discussing issues and solutions around housing.
Evan Abbott: Marketing materials (videos/one-pagers/panel cards) will be developed for businesses and community partners regarding the Young Adult Standing Committee and the Young Adult Program. The Committee discussed the need for more employer representation and local Chambers of Commerce will be contacted for support and partnership. Providers Resource Clearinghouse presented on their programs and services in the most recent meeting. The Committee is looking to make available more young adult career exploration opportunities in the coming year.

11:40 a.m. **Directors Report**

**Financial/Budget Update**

- Arapahoe Douglas WDB Career Services Provision Packet was submitted to the Governor by the Local Area WDB Chair and the Chief Elected Official. We are awaiting approval.
- The Arapahoe County Finance Department/Purchasing Division will release the Arapahoe/Douglas WDB WIOA One-stop Operator Procurement on Thursday February 9th. The Selection Committee will be made up of the Governance Committee, Douglas County Government and Joe Barela.
- The selection process for the providers of Title I Youth Program Elements is underway. Members of the Young Adult Committee and WDB will participate in the selection process and they will make recommendations to the Board on which vendors to move forward with.

**Action Items:**

WDB Leadership: Due to Andrew’s employment situation, it was proposed for Mary Riebe to move into the Acting Chair role; Susan Rogers to remain in the Vice Chair role; and add a Co-Vice Chair, Evan Abbott, for succession planning.

Motion: Kevin Hougen, Second: Mame Fuhrman; All were in favor.

WIOA Title I Supportive Services Policy:

Motion: Evan Abbott; Second: Kevin Hougen; All were in favor.

12:15 p.m. **AGC Colorado BuildColorado Presentation**

Erika Anderson & Jim Spence, AGC Colorado

Presentation on BuildColorado. View handouts [online](#).

12:45 p.m. **PY15 Economic Impact Report Presentation**

Pat Holwell & Dawn Gardner, A/D WDB

Presentation on PY15 Economic Impact Report. View presentation [online](#).

1:00 p.m. **Meeting Adjournment**

Mary Riebe, WDB Acting Chair, Kaiser Permanente

**Next WDB Meeting:**

April 6, 2017 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Our mission is to create a best-in-class regional system that is responsive to business/industry that results in a skilled workforce equipped with a work ethic, academic proficiency, and occupational specific talent that rivals our competition.