

ARAPAHOE/DOUGLAS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES / APRIL 3, 2014

**FIRST RELEASE**

**In Attendance**

*Members*

Mary Riebe (Arapahoe/Douglas WIB Chair), Andrew Bercich (Arapahoe/Douglas WIB Vice Chair), Evan Abbott, Chad Argentar on behalf of Andrea Amonick, Jennifer Carleton, Matt Cohrs, William Dowling, Kevin Hougen (WIB Past Chair), Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Cathy Kohl, Mimi Leonard, Barbara Lindsay on Behalf of Betsy Oudenhoven, Kandice McKeon, Lynn Myers Susan Rogers, Tim Ryan, Rebecca Sosa, Fannie Stokes, Caren Swales and Judy Taylor

*Guests*

Maureen Alexander, Commissioner Bill Holen, Judy Jackson (Jeffco WIB Chair), Drew Kerin, Vicky Lea, Matthew McKeever, Ben Weihrauch and Steve Windour

*Staff*

Joe Barela, Sasha Easton, Judy Emery, Kelly Folks, Dawn Gardner, Patrick Holwell, Darcy Kennedy, Najwa Khalaf, Tanya Muniz, Yanet Ocampo and Ron Perea

*Excused*

Lynn Dawson, Eva Durham, Lisa Eichar, John Fleck, Mame Fuhrman, Don Klemme and Sandra Wagner

*Absent*

Linda Murphy, Theresia Smith, Judy Taylor, Cheryl Ternes, Scott Van Ramshorst and Che Yi

**Welcome & Introductions (All)**

**WIB Member Announcements (All)**

Andrew Bercich: I have accepted a position with Comcast, so will no longer be employed at Charles Schwab. I also was accepted to be a NAWB Member.

William Dowling: The Division of Employment is broken down into two parts, the rural consortium and operations.

Tim Ryan: We will be hosting the upcoming Sectors Summit.

Matt Cohrs: The new Chik-fil-A opened today. They were a little behind on hiring, so I introduced them to ADW! and they got 30 people hired! They only had six hired prior to going to ADW!. The Owner is a brand new franchise owner who started working at Chick-fil-A when he was 15-years-old and worked his way up.

Dr. Diana Doyle: A bill was signed to offer community colleges to offer bachelors of applied science degrees. In the next year or so, you will hear which of our programs will have the demand. There is an application process we need to go through with some labor statistics.

Drew Kerin: Subcommittees will be meeting here in Denver on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a public hearing on what is going on in the VA hospital in Aurora.

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Lynn Myers: We worked with two companies that did expansions: Rain Central, an internet cloud provider from California, will have 143 people in Centennial; Vantiv is an electronic money processor opening in the business park of Douglas County. First Data has to do some downsizing, so we are hoping these people can be transferred over.

**County Updates** (Arapahoe Commissioner Nancy Jackson; Douglas Commissioner Jill Repella):  
Commissioner Nancy Jackson:

- I was able to attend the NAWB Conference in Washington D.C. and the ongoing theme was working together in innovative ways. We cannot have one kind of program for everyone since each region is different. I attended an entrepreneurship workshop and there are many small businesses in Colorado. ADW! was featured throughout the conference.
- There will be a new WIB Taskforce called Opportunity Works! that I will be chairing. It will focus on poverty reduction. We will call for members to come on board.

Commissioner Bill Holen:

- I am working on a project for Congressman Coffman and Udall to help Veterans. They often suffer from PTSD. I would like to talk about the success of these programs at the next meeting. We are working on developing a program to help Veterans suffering from addictions to educate the general population as well as doctors and pharmacists.

Commissioner Jill Repella:

- Not present.

Don Klemme:

- The workforce specialist employees at A/D Works! are a part of the Arapahoe County payroll system. There was an ongoing problem with turnover, so we were able to upgrade these workforce specialists to hold these employees longer.

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

- Private sector employment increased by 191,000 jobs from February to March according to the January *ADP National Employment Report*®, which is produced by ADP®, a leading provider of human capital management solutions, in collaboration with Moody's Analytics. The report, which is derived from ADP's actual payroll data, measures the change in total nonfarm private employment each month on a seasonally-adjusted basis. **Revisions:** September's job gain was revised down from 166,000 to 145,000.
- Colorado's Unemployment percentage fell to 6.6% for January. We were at 8.7% unemployment in January of 2012 and 7.9% in January of 2012.
  - Arapahoe/Douglas Region: 5.8%
  - Arapahoe County: 6.3%
  - Douglas County: 5.2%
- WIA Reauthorization: No significant movement.
- 2014 NAWB Forum: 2014 WIB Excellence Award, 5 WIB Members and two County Commissioners attending. A/D Works! staff facilitated a total of five workshops at the forum. We visited Senator Bennet, Senator Udall and Representative Gardner's offices to

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educate and advocate for the public workforce system and the great value A/D Works! adds to our communities and state.

**Financial Update** (Joe Barela on behalf of Darcy Kennedy)

- We will add a third year of H1-B funding and additional funding for VWIP Program.
- County audit is still underway. CDLW financial monitors are coming to ADW! for calendar year 2013.

**The Aerospace Industry** (Vicky Lea, Metro Denver EDC )

- Please view the full presentation on our [website](#).
  - Thanks to ADW!, we have included data that they have provided to dig much deeper.

**Buckley Air Force Base: The State of the Base** (Kevin Hougen, Aurora Chamber of Commerce )

- Please view the full presentation on our [website](#).

**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)

Veterans Taskforce – Kevin Hougen:

- Update to be given at next meeting.

Mature Worker Taskforce – Judy Taylor:

- Update to be given at next meeting.

Healthcare Taskforce –Judy Emery:

- Update to be given at next meeting

On behalf of the WIB, we submitted a letter to the National Association of Counties (NACo) requesting the Vice President of the United States to visit our workforce center.

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

**Next WIB Meeting: June 5, 2014**