

Minutes

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – April 6, 2017 • 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

In Attendance

Members

Evan Abbott (Vice Chair), Andrea Amonick, Randy Berner, JB Bettinger, Leah Bullinger, Harry Chan (proxy for Josh Evans), Krista Dann, Dr. Diana Doyle, Judy Emery, John Fleck, Mame Fuhrman, Lacey Golonka, Peter Hancock, Kevin Hougen (past Chair), Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Don Klemme, Douglas Melphy, Lynn Myers, Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven, Dena Piscoiotte (proxy for Ashley Walker), Mary Riebe (Chair), Judy Taylor, Sandra Wagner, Che Yi

Excused

Kimberly Ardo-Eisenbeis, Andrew Bercich (Immediate Past Chair), Matt Cohrs, Joanne Brennan,, Mimi Leonard, Fannie Stokes, Cheryl Ternes, Scott Van Ramshorst, Ashley Walker, Jason Wardrip, Commissioner Dave Weaver

On Leave of Absence

Susan Rogers (Vice Chair)

Absent

Jennifer Bellmire, William Dowling

Guests

LeeDel Cohenour, Eric Dunker, Tricia Johnson, Anne Petti

Staff

Joe Barela, Kelly Folks, Dawn Gardner, Patrick Holwell, Darcy Kennedy, Tanya Muniz,

11:00 a.m. **Welcome/Call to Order**

Mary Riebe, [WDB Chair](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#)

WDB Member Announcements

Evan Abbott, [WDB Vice Chair](#), [MSEC](#)

Dr. Diana Doyle: Eric Dunker is the new Workforce Development Dean at Arapahoe Community College.

Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven: Tricia Johnson is the new Vice President of Academic Affairs at Community College of Aurora.

Lacey Golonka: Xcel Energy is running a summer job shadow for high school students.

Douglas Melphy: Created a partnership with TriCounty Workforce Board for a 90-day internship that has the possibility to go into an apprenticeship program at the end of 90 days.

John Fleck: Working on an apprenticeship with 25 kids going into multi-craft apprenticeships.

JB Bettinger: We are adding eight locations in the next ten months and have a lot of open positions for summertime and would like to get more involved with workforce centers to fill these positions.

Leah Bullinger: We have about 160 openings in Lone Tree, not just finance positions, but also tech and human resources.

Randy Berner: We are in the second phase of the Nova project over by Top Golf. We are also building Village Center II, just finished Village Center III and working on a 12-story building for Charter Communications.

Harry Chan: The Learning Source just became a tasc testing center.

Judy Emery: The Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership was awarded \$288 thousand for a work act grant for opportunity youth. We are also getting ready to launch a finance sector initiative across the region.

Andrea Amonick: The Amazon fulfillment center is coming and it is going to come with about 1000 jobs. The City of Aurora received an award for its Diversity, Office of Immigration and Refugee.

Peter Hancock: I've been handing out the industry profiles to my clients and they cannot believe this great work comes from a government agency. It is important that we spread the word on what a great resource Arapahoe/Douglas Works! and the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board is.

Kevin Hougen: Our Diversity Inclusion Council will be presenting on April 14th at 9 a.m.

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

Arapahoe Commissioner Jackson
Douglas Commissioner Weaver

Commissioner Jackson: Arapahoe County does not have its own economic development office, but we utilize neighboring economic development organizations. I have been appointed to the Colorado Workforce Development Council along with Evan Abbott.

Commissioner Weaver: Not present.

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

Veterans Engagement Taskforce

Next Meeting: TBD
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street

Kevin Hougen: There was a taskforce meeting on February 28, 2017. The taskforce discussed the utilization of the Veterans Service to Career Pilot program. Although the program is just getting started, Veterans in need of supportive, wrap around services have been provided. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! is coordinating the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Community College of Aurora, and the ESGR to provide workshops for Veterans on April 7, 2017, and assist in MVEE hiring event on April 14, 2017.

Healthcare/GMDHP Taskforce

Next Meeting: April 12, 2017 8:00am-9:30am
Aurora Chamber 14305 E Alameda Avenue

Mary Riebe: As mentioned earlier, GMDHP was awarded the WORK Act grant from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment to develop a marketing campaign to create career awareness of some of the critical in demand occupations. The targeted population will be individuals ages 16-25 in career transition, displaced homemakers and other WIOA targeted populations.

Opportunity Works! Taskforce

Next Meeting: May 4, 2017 9:30am-11:00am
Ideation Room 6964 S. Lima Street

Commissioner Jackson: Opportunity Works had their housing forum, and out of that, we are going to be doing a training for landlords.

Young Adult Subcommittee

Next Meeting: May 10, 2017 2:00pm-3:30pm
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street

Evan Abbott: The Young Adult Committee is exploring ways to meet the needs of the construction industry through work-based learning opportunities, training and placement assistance. Residency requirement for the WIOA Youth program will be proposed for WDB approval.

11:40 a.m. **Administrative Services Budget Presentation**

Darcy Kennedy, [CRD – Admin. Services](#)

Flowchart available [online](#).

12:15 p.m. **Arapahoe Community College Campus**

Dr. Diana Doyle, [Arapahoe Community College](#)

Presentation on Castle Rock Collaboration Campus. The vision of this campus is to establish an innovative and collaborative educational campus that will bring together the essential educational, business and community elements to create a vital and unique resource for delivering seamless world class education and workforce training to Castle Rock.

12:45 p.m. **Directors Report**

Joe Barela, [A/D Works!](#)

- One-stop Operator Procurement: The Governance Committee is in negotiation with the vendor. Since the vendor is an ADWDB member, that member has been placed on a leave of absence status until negotiations are complete. If and when a contract is released. Susan Rogers will submit her resignation to the ADWDB. Once negotiations are finalized, it will be presented in from of the Board of County Commissioners and then to the Workforce Development Board.

- Skillful: The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing this morning entitled, Examining Federal Support for Job Training Programs. One of the witnesses was Zoe Baird who is CEO and President of the Markle Foundation. She mentioned the Skillful program in Colorado in both her oral and written testimony. She was very complimentary of the Colorado one-stop system and the State Board.
<http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394820>
- NAWB Forum: Met with Senator Bennett, Congressman Coffman and staff of Senator Gardner and thanked them for their support, discussed the great work we are doing with WIOA and stressed that the public workforce system needs to be a bipartisan issue and resourced at current levels.

Action Items:

Young Adult Program Work Based Learning Procurement (RFP 17-10): In negotiations with vendor to piggyback off of another local area's RFP. Would like to move forward with vendor if negotiations are finalized.

Motion to approve: Evan Abbott; Second: Andrea Amonick; All were in favor.

Young Adult Program Procurements to approve listed vendors for following RFPs:

- RFP 17-03 Dropout Recovery. Vendor: Cengage Learning Inc.;
- RFP 17-05 Tutoring, Study Skills, Instruction and Evidence Based Dropout Prevention and Recovery Strategies. Vendors: Focus Points Family Resource Center, Right On Learning and Studentnest Inc.;
- RFP 17-07 Occupational Skill Training. Vendors: Colorado Area Health Education Center, Focus Points Family Resource Center and the Master's Apprentice; and
- RFP 17-08 Adult Mentoring Services. Vendor: Right On Learning.

Motion to approve: Evan Abbott; Second: Andrea Amonick; All were in favor.

Supportive Services for WIOA Title I and other Grant Funded Initiatives Policy:

Motion to approve: Peter Hancock; Second: Mame Fuhrman; All were in favor.

On-the-Job Training Policy:

Motion to approve: Evan Abbott; Second: Peter Hancock; All were in favor.

WIOA Eligibility for Title I Programs Policy:

Motion to approve: Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven; Second: Andrea Amonick; All were in favor.

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

Mary Riebe, [WDB Chair](#), [Kaiser Permanente](#)

Next WDB Meeting: June 1, 2017 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Stanley Marketplace 2501 Dallas Street, Aurora, CO 80010

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