

ARAPAHOE/DOUGLAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES / DECEMBER 1, 2016

FIRST RELEASE

In Attendance

Members

Evan Abbott, Andrea Amonick, Kimberly Ardo-Eisenbeis, Andrew Bercich (WDB Chair), Matt Cohrs, Krista Dann, Dr. Diana Doyle, Judy Emery, Josh Evans, Mame Fuhrman, Lacey Golonka, Peter Hancock, Kevin Hougen, Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Don Klemme, Lynn Myers, Becky Nelson, Ann Petti (Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven's Proxy), Mary Riebe (WDB Past Chair), Susan Rogers (WDB Vice Chair), Fannie Stokes, Judy Taylor, Cheryl Ternes, Scott Van Ramshorst, Sandra Wagner, Commissioner Dave Weaver, Che Yi

Guests

Mike Fitzgerald, Andrew Galloway (for Matt Cornett), Aurora Ogg, Tim Ashton

Staff

Joe Barela, Jeana Capel-Jones, Kelly Folks, Dawn Gardner, Patrick Holwell, Darcy Kennedy, Tanya Muniz, Caitlin Wilson

Excused

Joann Brennon, Leah Bullinger, John Fleck, Ashley Walker, Jason Wardrip

Absent

Jennifer Bellmire, Jennifer Carleton, William Dowling, Douglas Melphy

Welcome & Introductions (All)

WDB Member Announcements (All)

Judy Taylor: Wall Street Journal has an article showing rising employment numbers for age 55+. During the recession, this age group's unemployment rates were one of the highest.

Dr. Diana Doyle: Arapahoe Community College ranked 8th in the nation for adult learners.

- Joe Barela: There is a discussion on the national level how education needs to shift from the 18-year-old learner model to the adult/lifelong learner model.

From Stage Trail to Light Rail (Mike Fitzgerald, CEO, Denver South Economic Development Partnership)

Mike Fitzgerald presented the "From Stage Trail to Light Rail: The Dynamic Denver South Corridor" book to the Workforce Development Board. This book provides the growth history (transportation, residential, business, parks, etc.) along the I-25 South Corridor.

County Updates (Arapahoe Commissioner Nancy Jackson; Douglas Commissioner Dave Weaver):

Arapahoe County

- We will have two new commissioners replacing Rod Bockenfeld and Nancy Doty: Kathleen Conti and Jeff Baker.

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Douglas County

- We will have a new commissioner replacing Jill Repella: Lora Thomas.

WDB Taskforce/Subcommittee Updates: (Kevin Hougen, WIB Past Chair, Aurora Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner Nancy Jackson, Arapahoe County; Jeana Capel-Jones, GMDHP Project Manager; Evan Abbott, MSEC)

Veterans Taskforce – Kevin Hougen:

- The City of Aurora Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, Dwight Dyer, is interested in hosting a Military and Veterans Employment EXPO in April. The Community College of Aurora has offered their facilities in support of the EXPO. Arapahoe/Douglas Works! will partner with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment in the planning and execution of this event.
- The Veterans Service to Career Pilot Grant awarded a portion of funding to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! to include wrap-around services not allowable under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- On Monday, November 7th, an ad hoc meeting was conducted to discuss ideas of assisting Veterans with this funding. Our proposal included the following:
 - Housing (short term rent assistance) or finding housing
 - Mental health and/or substance abuse counseling
 - Legal services
 - Dependent child or elder care
 - Emergency food assistance (King Soopers gift card)
 - Emergency car repair
 - Transportation assistance
 - Emergency clothing
 - Backpack 'survival' kits which include toiletries, snacks, water, clothing items and other items necessary to daily living while in job search or training.
- Next taskforce meeting will be held in January 2017; date and time to be determined.

Healthcare Taskforce –Jeana Capel Jones:

- Yearly report has been completed and provided in your packets.

Opportunity Works Taskforce –Commissioner Nancy Jackson:

- Seventy-five Arapahoe County staff and partners will be trained and certified in Mental Health First Aid. Slots are still available for interested Board and community members.
- Upcoming events for 2017: Housing Forum and Transportation Forum.

Young Adult Subcommittee –Evan Abbott:

- Targeted marketing materials will be developed for business and community partners regarding the Young Adult Standing Committee and the Young Adult Program.
- Providers Resource Clearinghouse presented on their programs and services, such as providing used office furniture to businesses in the community.
- Planning on providing young adult career exploration opportunities in 2017.
- 2017 meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every other month, opposite of the WDB Meetings, from 2-3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be January 11th.

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

Action items: [click here for link to policies](#)

- The Governance Subcommittee presented the WIOA Eligibility for Title I, WIOA Classroom Training, ETPL, Young Adult Needs Additional Assistance and Business Services Delivery Policies as well as the Structure of Workforce Services/One-Stop Operator. The Governance Subcommittee recommended to move forward for approval.
 - Items were open up for discussion. There were no questions/comments.
 - **Vote: Lynn Myers motioned for approval for all policies and Structure of Workforce Services/One-Stop Operator as presented; Commissioner Nancy Jackson seconded; motion was carried unanimously.**
- Provision of Career Services
 - Item was open for discussion. There were no questions/comments.
 - **Vote: Evan Abbott motioned for approval for Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board to request approval for county staff to provide Career Services for WIOA Title I in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.; Andrea Amonick seconded; motion was carried unanimously.**

Administrative Services Report: (Darcy Kennedy, Arapahoe County Administrative Services Division)

The fiscal dashboard was provided as a handout and discussed.

- A presentation will be provided in February explaining the life of a "pot of money."

Presentation: Beverage Industry: (Patrick Holwell, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!)

Beverage Industry Profile was provided as a handout.

- PowerPoint presentation was given (available to view on [website](#)).

Presentation & Tour: Breckenridge Brewery: (Patrick Holwell, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!)

Presentation was given by Breckenridge Brewery regarding their history as well as a tour of their facility.

Adjournment: (Andrew, WDB Chair, Comcast)

Next WDB Meeting: February 2, 2017