

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – December 1, 2022

In-Person Meeting: Charles Schwab, 9899 Schwab Way, Ste 100, Lone Tree, CO 80124 - Presentation Room 200

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

11:05 a.m. **WDB Member Announcements**

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

- Andrea Amonick- the City of Aurora is updating our economic development strategy with the help of ADW!
- Sarah Mesmer- school districts are having a difficult time hiring across the board (teachers, bus drivers, etc.)
- Sandra Wagner- we will be relocating to a new office in Colorado Springs. We completed 5 in-house job fairs this year and we are 130% over enrollment this year.
- Thomas Hartman- the talent pipeline report comes out Dec. 14th.
- Aimee Barker- we are excited about growth in CTE and the new legacy campus that opens next fall.
- Dr. Mordecai Brownlee- enrollment is up 6%. Will be starting a presidential scholarship program and pairing students with industry leaders.
- Kirk Jordan- we need a lot of apprentices (heavy equipment operators).
- Becky Hostetler- Asian Pacific Development Center has multiple volunteer and sponsorship opportunities available.
- Christine Shapard- the February Partnership meeting will focus on recruiting and retaining talent. We are interested in partnering to apply for the Work-Based Learning Incentive (WBLI) Grant program through CDLE.
- Michelle Jansen- we are looking at refugee hiring opportunities.
- Cindy Nowak- we offer customize training.
- James Newby- the Work-Based Learning Incentive (WBLI) RFA is open until Dec. 16th
- Kevin Hougen- there is a Zoom meeting tomorrow focusing on childcare with Commissioner Warren-Gulley. I attended conference in Phoenix with other chambers; a lot of others have the childcare issue as well.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- excited about construction pathway
- Lynn Myers- I attended RMWDA the end of October.
- Kelsi Little- we are still hoping to acquire Bank of the West.
- Eric Dunker- we received a grant to create an immersive mobile health lab and we are breaking ground on our new health innovation center. There will be an immersive robotics lab on the new legacy campus.
- Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully- Arapahoe County Public Health Department starts January 1, 2023. The grand opening will be January 3rd.
- Kathy Smith- weatherization is receiving a significant increase in funding and we will need to hire for those positions. We will continue to work on a regional approach to homelessness. Veteran services have received an increase in activity.

11:15 a.m. **Task Force Strategic Discussions**
Mental Health
Marketing/Outreach/Engagement
Young Adult Engagement

12:00p.m. **Lunch Break** (food provided for working lunch)

12:15 p.m. **County Updates**

- 2 of our County Commissioners (Nancy Jackson and Nancy Sharpe) are leaving due to term limits. There will be a celebration on December 6th. The new commissioners will be sworn in on January 9th and will attend the February ADWDB meeting.

Arapahoe - Commissioner Warren-Gully

- Danny Reed- we just had the State of the County and decided to fund 7 areas including mental health, community/economic investments, workforce support, homelessness, etc. CJ gates is no longer with Douglas County.

Douglas - Commissioner Laydon

12:35 p.m. **Director's Report**

- Cheryl Ternes received the Children's Champion Award from the Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council (October 2022)
- Peter Hancock was named Apprenticeship Champion by the National Tooling and Machining Association (NTMA) for creating the Rocky Mountain NTMA Apprenticeship Program, which is designed to help NTMA members in Colorado fill the critical gap of employees leaning into manufacturing careers (November 17, 2022).
- Kevin Hougen and Pam Ridler received nominations at RMWDA (October 2022).
- Tracey Sherman was named Apprentice of the Year at the Colorado Apprenticeship Awards Ceremony (November 16, 2022).

Sasha Easton, [A/D Works!](#)

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

Peter Hancock, [PEG](#)

Next WDB Meeting: February 2, 2023 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Asian Pacific Development Center, 1537 Alton Street, Aurora, CO 80010

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