

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – December 7, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Arapahoe Boardroom, 6954 S Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

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

Peter Hancock, [PEG](#)

Action Item:

- October 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - Commissioner Warren-Gully moved to approve the meeting minutes from Oct. 5, 2023. The motion passed and the minutes were approved with no changes.

11:05 a.m. Renise Walker from CWDC presented the ADWDB with the High Performing Board award.

11:10 a.m. Presentations

Rapid Response Services
Labor Supply/Demand Report

Jamie Fisher, [A/D Works!](#)

Patrick Holwell, [A/D Works!](#)

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

12:10 p.m. County Updates

Arapahoe - Commissioner Warren-Gully

- We are heading into the Colorado Legislative Session; we are working with our legislators on housing and mental health issues.
- We're about to approve our budget, but we recognize that it might change.
- Arapahoe County has been continuing our DEI training.

12:30 p.m. Task Force Updates

Task Force Representatives

- Mental Health Task Force - the next virtual meeting is January 22nd at 11:00 a.m. ADW! is partnering with AllHealth Network to provide mental health workshops to job seekers and staff.
- Young Adult Engagement Task Force - the next virtual meeting is January 4th at 1:00 p.m. Our conversations have been centering around amplifying activities. We have also discussed hosting two-gen job fairs regionally.
- Marketing/Outreach/Engagement Task Force - a media story may soon be airing about ADW!. The next virtual meeting is January 4th at 10:00 a.m.

12:35 p.m. Director's Report

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

Information Items:

- ADWDB-XX-2023 – Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses
- ADWDB-XX-2023 – Registered Apprenticeships in WIOA

Action Item:

- Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board Bylaws Update
 - Peter Hancock moved to approve the updated bylaws. The motion was seconded by Todd Nielsen. The motion was passed.

- The House Appropriations Budget Committee is proposing to cut funds from WIOA Programs. We have a draft letter to express our concerns.
- Jobs for the Future recognized ADW's work with diverse populations in their [Workforce Transformation Policy Council report](#).
- The Colorado Apprenticeship Hub hosted a 7-part training series and a job fair for Apprenticeship Month. The series was [recorded](#).
- Our BDR team hosted its first international presentation for Water For People.

12:45 p.m. **Member Announcements**

- Jamie Fisher- Colorado Department of Early Childhood in partnership with EPIC developed an [Employer-Based Child Care Feasibility and Assessment Guide](#). They will bring back the Employer-Based Child Care Design Lab, a unique opportunity for employers to gain the knowledge necessary to plan an on-site or near-site child care facility through direct support and community partnerships while developing a competitive grant application for up to \$800,000 in state funding for their projects. The Design Lab 3.0 will run from February 2024 thru May 2024. Learn more at <https://www.coloradoepic.org/get-involved/#design-lab>.
- Peter Hancock - presented Patrick Holwell with the Champion of Workforce, Leadership, and Data Intelligence award.
- Dr. Brownlee - CCA broke ground on the Center for STEM, Power Mechanics and Applied Technologies and BuildStrong Academy of Colorado. CCA has a partnership with Aurora Police Department for a [Cadet Pilot Program](#) that will intake its first cohort next year. We were approved to open a nursing school in 2025.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- we are having our regional meetings for our state plan.
- Lizbeth Jacobs - APDC's new name is The Cultural Development and Wellness Center.

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

Peter Hancock, [PEG](#)

Next WDB Meeting: February 1, 2024 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location Information Coming Soon

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