

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – February 1, 2024

Hybrid Meeting: Community College of Aurora, CentreTech Campus, Rotunda Room, 16000 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora CO 80011

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

Action Item:

- o December 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - o Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 7, 2023. Cheryl Ternes seconded. The motion passed and the minutes were approved with no changes.

11:05 a.m. **Presentation**

2023 Talent Pipeline Report

Caitlin McKennie, PhD, **CWDC**

11:40 a.m. **Strategic Planning Discussion**

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

12:10 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe - Commissioner Warren-Gully

- We just finalized our [Homelessness Strategic Plan](#).
- In 2023, Arapahoe County handed out more than \$2.3 million to tackle the opioid epidemic.
- The legislative session has started. We are proactively working with our federal and state partners on workforce funding.
- Senator Bennet visited Arapahoe/Douglas Works! for an hour on January 19, 2024 to discuss workforce development, human services, and mental health concerns.

12:30 p.m. **Task Force Updates**

Task Force Representatives

- Mental Health Task Force – Tracy Rushing – We met to wrap things up as we feel as though we've accomplished what we set out to do. There's a list of resources on the ADW! [website](#). We'll be looking at the career pathway for mental health.
- Marketing/Outreach/Engagement Task Force - Andrew Bercich – Most of the conversation at our last meeting centered around what type of things we want to share. We need to focus on exciting, inclusive storytelling and being conscientious about where we are sharing those stories. [CBS News Colorado](#) highlighted the services of A/D Works! and shared Jose's success story in finding employment with Arapahoe County Weatherization.
- Young Adult Engagement Task Force - Jennifer Jasinowski - We've been focusing on putting together 2Gen job fairs. There will be one on March 12th at CCA and another on March 25th at ACC and we are targeting employers that hire for both communities. We'll then take some time to dive into the data to see if there is any special population work that we can do.

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

Action Item:

- Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Board Bylaws Update and Voting
Andrew Bercich moved to approve the updated bylaws. The motion was seconded by Tina Castro. The motion was passed.

Informational Items:

- ADWDB-01-2024: Supportive Services for Arapahoe/Douglas Works!
- ADWDB-02-2024: WIOA Title I Young Adult Incentive Payments

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

- Andrea Amonick – We're doing an economic development strategy session. It'll be available to view live online.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- Local student organizations are looking for judges.
- Robert Newbold- We are continuing to grow. We have two programs available: [The Small Manufacturing Recovering Grant](#) and [The Manufacturer's AdvantEDGE Scale-up Solutions \(MASS\) catalog](#).
- Heidi McDonald- We just recently became a [registered apprenticeship](#) with the USDOL.
- Travis Amonson- We started an Aerospace Speaker Series. The [next one](#) will be held February 9, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the EPIC Campus.
- Marnie Jones- We're moving full steam ahead with our tech school and working with A/D Works! on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist work-based learning opportunities.
- Kelsi Little- We are focusing on our military and veteran hiring.
- Bridget McIntyre- We just received a \$20 million expansion project for our Parker Tower. We also received approval to build a new hospital in Aurora Highlands.
- Kim Tranter- We're hoping to launch 3 apprenticeship programs this year.
- Dr. Brownlee- Dr. Fujii and I attended a future of ascent program at the State Capitol. The Promise Program would guarantee coverage for tuition, fees, and required textbooks. The House Committee on Education and the Workforce passed the Workforce Pell Grant Act.

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

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Next WDB Meeting: April 4, 2024 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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