

Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – August 3, 2023

In-Person Meeting: Blue Origin, 8744 Lucent Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

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

Shelbi Davis, [Charles Schwab](#)

11:10 a.m. **Presentation:**
Job Quality in the Arapahoe/Douglas Area

Erin Young, Employer Coach
[Colorado Workforce Development Council \(CWDC\)](#)
Patrick Holwell, Workforce Economist
[A/D Works!](#)

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

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

Arapahoe County

- Sasha Easton- Arapahoe County is currently reviewing the budget in order to solve our systemic funding challenges.

Douglas County

Commissioner Laydon

- We just started an Ignite Lab with Lockheed Martin. The Ribbon Cutting will be August 15, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at 8740 Lucent Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO.
- We are thrilled that Space Command will stay in Colorado, <https://coloradosun.com/2023/07/31/space-command-staying-in-colorado-springs/>.
- Douglas County is one of two counties that saw a reduction in homelessness. Arapahoe County was the other county.
- We are continuing to work on addressing crime and homelessness.
 - "Handouts Don't Help" campaign signage is posted throughout the county, <https://www.douglas.co.us/homeless-initiative/business-requests-handouts-dont-help-signs/>.
 - We signed off on Prop 123 Affordable Housing Programs.

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

Task Force Representatives

Mental Health

Thomas Hartman

- The task force's strategies priorities include showcasing data to support career pathways, increasing training resources for employees, and expanding opportunities to incorporate mental health in ADW! workshops.
- There is a fully fleshed out Behavioral Health pathway on [MyColoradoJourney.com](https://www.mycoloradojourney.com). The data is updated twice a year.
- ADW! is partnering with AllHealth Network to host workshops for staff and customers.
- We are working to identify resources to list on the ADW! website.

- The next Mental Health Task Force virtual meeting is Sept. 11th at 10:00 a.m. Contact Emily at ETapia@arapahoegov.com to join.

Young Adult Engagement Emily Tapia

- This task force has four strategic priorities which are in alignment with those of the Colorado State Youth Council.
- The task force is brainstorming how to get ADW! resources throughout the school system and how to connect with young adults in meaningful, targeted ways.
- The task force would like to expand entry points for New Americans.
- The next virtual meeting is Sept. 7th at 1:00 p.m. Contact Emily at ETapia@arapahoegov.com to join.

Marketing, Outreach, and Engagement Emily Tapia

- We are looking for someone interested in coordinating this task force due to a membership change. Contact Emily at ETapia@arapahoegov.com if you are interested in coordinating or joining this task force.
- For those who have not already responded, all Board Members are invited to [please submit your input](#) on messaging you use in the community regarding the Workforce Development Board.

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

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

Information Items:

- ADWDB-XX-2023 - WIOA Eligibility Requirements
- ADWDB-XX-2023 - WIOA Title I Work Experience
- One Stop Certification
 - Shelbi Davis moved that the governance committee review and approve the One Stop Certification application. The motion was seconded by James Newby. The motion was approved.
- ADW! is planning a Legislative Open House in September, more information to come.
- The One Stop Operator bid will go live soon. Contact Emily, Chalesah, or Pakita if you'd like to be notified.
- In partnership with the State, we are applying with the State for the Job Quality Grant for the Energy Sector.
- We are applying for a [grant](#) through Douglas County for youth program due to sale of the Broncos Stadium.
- Kevin Hougen has been a champion for 38 years. Congratulations on your retirement.

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

- Andrew Bercich- shout out to Ruth McCormick for assisting KeHe with creating work-based learning opportunities. They will eventually build an apprenticeship. KeHe is an employee-owned business in manufacturing distribution that is interested in hiring people with disabilities and youth. The partnership allows KeHe to become a fair chance employer.
 - NAWB selected a new CEO – Brad Turner-Little, <https://www.nawb.org/brad-turner-little-named-new-president-and-ceo-of-national-association-of-workforce-boards>.
 - Amazon is starting its own standalone AI practice.
- Kathy Smith- weatherization received funding for a specified workforce position and we are partnering with the ADW! to fill it.
 - We hosted two staff service days; employees assisted senior/disabled population with yard clean up, etc. We will host another one in September that will be open to board members and their teams. Contact Emily if you'd like to participate.

- If you are not available for the next service date and would like an opportunity as an individual, group, or organization to provide chore services for seniors, contact [Lauren Thomas](#) or [Courtney Stryker](#).
- Becky Nelson- I would like to compliment ADW! staff on the industry profiles; they are very useful.
 - We did an Urban Corridor Study about 6 or 7 years ago and hope the report will be finalized in the fall.
- Dr. Brownlee- The community need first responders; [Care Forward Colorado](#) provides zero-cost, short-term training programs.
 - We will be breaking ground on the new Applied Tech building in September.
 - We are hosting the Unlocking Pathways Summit on August 10th.
- Travis Amonson – The Littleton Public Schools Epic Campus opens to students on August 15th. The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held August 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Explorative Pathways for Innovative Careers, 190 E. Littleton Blvd., Littleton, CO 80121.
- Dr. Fuji- The Douglas County School District's Legacy Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held yesterday.
- Sergio Cordovo- we have 62 apprentices ready to start.

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

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Next WDB Meeting: October 5, 2023 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location Information Coming Soon

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