

## Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – August 5, 2021

Via Zoom

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

11:05 a.m. **WDB Member Announcements (VIA Mentimeter)** Peter Hancock, **PEG**

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- Zach Torres- Focus Points will be hosting a multi-industry job fair 08/18/2021 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Janel Highfill- our new president, Dr. Brownlee, officially started on Monday; I will introduce him to this group at a future meeting. CCA is working on a childcare initiative; we are very close to opening the first site and may open a second site.
- Lynn Myers- Aurora Chamber's Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon will be in person on 08/20/2021 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will be honoring 13 military members.
- Andrea Amonick- Aurora South Metro Small Business Development Center is working with the State Development Center to do training. The City of Aurora will be allocating additional funding for both home-based childcare centers and a series for people interested in doing larger centers. More information can be found at <https://www.aurora-southmetrosbdc.com/what-we-do/training/leading-edge/>. We're also looking into the possibility of creating a fund to provide training grants.
- Stephanie Mufic- we are working with the SBDC to develop a counseling program for small businesses that have been heavily impacted by the pandemic. One of the tracks for the small business grants we're designing is business training.
- Lacey Golonka- Save the Date for the Army PaYs Program signing ceremony on November 5, 2021. Holly Van Liere, U.S. Dept. of Labor V.E.T.S. State Director will be one of the guest speakers.
- Jennifer Jasinowski- I have moved from the State CTE Office to Aurora Public Schools as a Secondary CTE Coordinator. My new email address is [jjjasinowski@aurora12.org](mailto:jjjasinowski@aurora12.org).
- Shelbi Davis- we're hiring across all departments, <https://jobs.schwabjobs.com/search-jobs>.
- Debbie Shackelford- please share apprenticeship opportunities in building the talent pipeline within your network.
- Marla Jones Newman- I'd be happy to give a State of the Union with regarding to childcare.

11:15 a.m. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

Michelle Halstead, **Arapahoe County**

What needs are you seeing in your community?

- Various Attendees- Qualified mental health providers. Childcare expenses need to be covered. Provide childcare license training. Increased mental health resources. Sponsoring free yoga classes. Promoting exercise for children. Expanding ride-share or other supportive transportation services; dedicated spaces for community parking for carpooling purposes. Will also need to see about how the county infrastructure can support EPA targets in reducing emissions. Potential for community transit. Incumbent worker training. Providing some business incentives to increase work-based learning activity with the goal of sustaining that once results solidify the ROI; it could be a tax incentive, or maybe wage supplements (up to a point). Maybe there are ways outside of traditional grant limitations we can work with businesses to help expand infrastructure for WBL.

11:45 a.m. **Presentation: Future of Work in Colorado**

Katherine Keegan, **CDLE**

12:15 p.m. **HB21-1264 Funding**

Britta Blodgett, **CWDC**

- HB21-1264 Stimulus Funding - [cwdc.colorado.gov/hb21-1264](http://cwdc.colorado.gov/hb21-1264)
- Input survey for statewide funds - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtexRiy11WSZkkGnT1kHerj9UQ-6OCU\\_RPUGd4un2339E2Rw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtexRiy11WSZkkGnT1kHerj9UQ-6OCU_RPUGd4un2339E2Rw/viewform)
- CBO grant opens - <https://cwdc.colorado.gov/blog-post/upskilling-reskilling-and-next-skilling-workers-grant>

12:30 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe-Commissioner Warren-Gully

We are talking a lot about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and meeting with various groups around this funding. The County has also been actively working on what will be happening with our partnership with Tri-County Health Department. We are working with the tribal leadership of Arapahoe county to make sure we are connecting with them and being respectful. There is a deficit in the healthcare industry and we must figure out how to meet those needs. The Board of County Commissioners will be looking at our open space tax.

Douglas-Commissioner Laydon

We have been designated to receive \$68.2 million in ARPA funding and we'll be focusing on behavioral health/mental health recovery and workforce.

12:45 p.m. **Director's Report**

Kelly Folks, **A/D Works!**

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

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

**Next WDB Meeting: October 7, 2021 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

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