Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Workforce Development Board and Workforce Action Team April Brief
Friday, April 24th, 2020, 8:45-10:00am
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Attendees: Renee Zentz (Chair), Aikta Marcoulier (Secretary), Ann Cesare (Chair Elect), Lynette Crow-Iverson (Past Chair), Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, Francis Vigil, Dave Jeffrey, Melissa Burkhardt-Shields, Andy Gilliland, Bob McLaughlin, Karissa Hervey, Jonathan Liebert, Brian Bradley, Kolleen Johnson, Bob Gemignani, Johnathan Tillman, Nikki Carter, Beth Taylor, Commissioner Marc Dettenrieder, Emily Sherwood, Chelsea Gaylord, Cecelia Harry, Mary Krisko, Theresa Klinitski, Commission Longinos Gonzalez, Rex Welshon, Rebecca Wilder, Margaret Reed, Rob Buzogany, Sue McClernan, Kevin Laudner, Drew Winders, Paul Price, Katie Parker, Jen Furda, Andrew Bunn, Xiang Tan, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Chelsey Harris, Debbie Miller, Tamara Moore, Liesl Schmidt, Lisanne McNew, Zach Barker, Kim Mauthe, Julie Krow, Crystal LaTier

Members Absent and Excused: Dennis Casey, Lawrence Wagner, Jeff Greene, Jim Boland, Kenny Hodges, Susan King, Dr. Valerie Martin Conley

Staff in Attendance: Traci Marques, Kara Nina Fournier, Pete Olivas, Becca Tonn, Crystal Volmar, Amy Phillips, Toya Graham, Laurie Jervay, Erica Romero, Tiffany Clark-Trujillo

Renee Zentz, Chair, called meeting to order at 8:49am.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Speakers:

Crystal Latier, Executive Director of Economic Development, El Paso County, spoke about the Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone.

Renee Zentz provided Kudos to the Pikes Peak Workforce Senior Management and staff for the outstanding job they have been doing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Aikta Marcoulier, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center discussed program funding, small business response resources, education opportunities through the SBDC, and small business resiliency.
Traci Marques, Executive Director of the PPWFC provided a COVID-19 update; current unemployment insurance numbers and future speculations; reviewed hiring events and open employment positions; re-employment and hard to serve population plans and challenges.

Erica Romer, Business Relations Team Lead, PPWFC, spoke about workshare programs, virtual internships, resources for furloughed employees and employers, and rapid responses.

Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Director, Workforce Development Programs, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, reviewed unemployment statistics, disaster recovery grants and workforce funding.

Debbie Miller, Executive Director, Woodland Park Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on managing COVID-19 in Teller County and the Teller County Economic Recovery Group.

Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, El Paso County, provided information on the Community Economic Recovery Team. Suggested contributing to the local economic health of small businesses through ordering takeout, gift cards, scheduling future contracting work, and continuing memberships. Also spoke to re-invigorating our local workforce through partnerships with the PPWFC, Chamber and EDC and SBDC among others.

Julie Krow, Executive Director, El Paso County Department of Human Services discussed managing DHS ongoing community outreach and response including moving the DHS lobby to the first floor, encouraging online applicants and also providing short term assistance.

Kim Mauthe, Executive Director, Teller County Department of Human Services, discussed current conditions in Teller County including an increase in adult protection cases, and a drop in child welfare cases, likely due to a lack of school and community interaction.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Submitted by, 

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Kara Nina Fournier  Date

Reviewed by, 

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Aikta Marcoulier  Date