MINUTES

Attendees: Renee Zentz, Francis Vigil, Debbie Miller, Dave Jeffrey, Ann Cesare, Chelsy Harris, Andy Gilliland, Johnathan Liebert, Lisanne McNew, Kenny Hodges, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Jim Boland, Julie Krow, Kim Mauthe, Lawrence Wagner, Marcy Hudson, Dr. Valerie Martin Conley, Robert McLaughlin, Tammy Sayles, Beth Ann Taylor, Mike Sullivan, Zach Barker, Andrew Winders

Other Attendees: Karissa Hervey, Ingrid Richter, Renise Walker, Johnathan Tillman, Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, Stephanie Parrish, Steve Klaffky, Sherry Jenkins, Seth Harvey, Janet Farley, Chris Garvin, Danielle Summerville, Rob Buzogany, Dave Geislinger, Melissa Burkhardt Shields, Darrel Walker

Members Absent and Excused: Jeff Greene, Lynette Crow-Iverson, Julie Krow, Susan King, Aikta Marcoulier, Brian Bradley, Liesl Schmidt

Staff in Attendance: Traci Marques, Kara Nina Fournier, Pete Olivas, Laurie Jervay, Tamara Moore, Tiffany Clark-Trujillo, Toya Graham, Tim Amthor, Becca Tonn, Robin Lovewell

Renee Zentz, Chair, called meeting to order at 8:02am.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Action Items:

A motion was made to approve the October 6th, 2020 meeting minutes by Debbie Miller, seconded by Lisanne McNew. Motion passed unanimously.

A proposal was made to accept Andrew Winders to the board as a new representative of Department of Vocational Rehab by Renee Zentz, a motion was made to approve by Tammy Sayles, seconded by Dr. Valerie Martin Conley. Motion passed unanimously.
A motion was made to elect Debbie Miller as the Chair Elect and re-elect Aikta Marcoulier as Secretary by Lisanne McNew and seconded by Tammy Sayles. No other candidates were proposed. After a vote by the WDB, Debbie Miller and Aikta Marcoulier were confirmed.

**Testimonial:**

Stephanie Parrish, Employment Recruiter, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Florence, CO discussed her very successful job fair hosted by the PPWFC and the number of recruits being the highest of any previous hiring event.

Mike Sullivan introduced Danielle Summerville in her new role as the Diversity and Community Outreach Programs Manager for the City of Colorado Springs.

**Board Business:**

Laurie Jervay offered a financial update.

Traci Marques provided an update on PPWFC including November Veterans Month, upcoming USAA job Fair, the SkillsUp program which is now successfully underway, and the temp location which has been extended to the end of June 2021.

**Speakers:**

Colonel Bob McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer, Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center introduced Janet Farley who reviewed the services that Mt. Carmel offers and Darrel Walker who discussed his journey from incarceration to his successful current position with Mt. Carmel. Kudos were offered to Jen McKee and Michael Walton for their coordination with PPWFC.

Sherry Jenkins, Soldier for Life Transition Services Manager with Ft. Carson discussed the Skills Bridge program.

Andrew Winders introduced himself to the Board.

Commissioner Stan VanderWerf, newly re-elected as El Paso County Commissioner of four more years, provided a community update in relation to COVID.

Assistant County Administrator Kenny Hodges provided a review of the COVID Restriction Chart explaining that El Paso County is currently at Level Orange.

Aikta Marcoulier, Executive Director of the SBDC encouraged shopping at small businesses for the holidays as a part of the Bundle up for Small Businesses campaign.

Julie Krow, Executive Director, spoke about the decision of the Department of Human Services to move to the first floor of the Citizens Service Center in an effort to better serve the clientele.
There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Submitted by,

(Signature on File)  11-6-2020
Kara Nina Fournier  Date

Reviewed by,

(Signature on File)  11-6-2020
Aikta Marcoulier  Date