Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Workforce Development Board

Friday, February 5th, 2021 8am – 9:30am Mountain Time
Join Zoom Meeting
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MINUTES

Attendees: Renee Zentz, Francis Vigil, Debbie Miller, Ann Cesare, Chelsy Harris, Johnathan Liebert, Lisanne McNew, Assistant County Administrator Kenny Hodges, Jim Boland, Kim Mauthe, Lawrence Wagner, Marcy Hudson, Dr. Valerie Martin Conley, Robert McLaughlin, Tammy Sayles, Beth Ann Taylor, Andrew Winders, Aikta Marcoulier, Reanna Werner, Brian Bradley, Susan King, Sherry Jenkins, Seth Harvey, Dr. Shawn Murray, Jeff Greene, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Liesl Schmidt, Jim Harris, Zach Barker, Melissa Burkhardt Shields

Other Attendees: Karissa Hervey, Renise Walker, Commissioner Bob Campbell, Janet Farley, Chris Garvin, Commissioner Cami Bremer, Ingrid Richter, Mark Smith, Darrell Walker, Bill Price, Jean Dougherty, Steve Klaffky, Johnathan Tillman

Members Absent and Excused: Julie Krow, Dave Jeffrey, Andy Gilliland

Staff in Attendance: Traci Marques, Kara Nina Fournier, Pete Olivas, Tamara Moore, Tiffany Clark-Trujillo, Toya Graham, Robin Lovewell, Erica Romero, Becca Tonn, Laurie Jervey, Michael Walton

Ann Cesare, Chair, called meeting to order at 8:01am.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Action Items:

A motion was made to approve the 2021 Sunshine Laws by Debbie Miller, seconded by Zach Barker. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the December 4th, 2020 meeting minutes by Renee Zentz, seconded by Brian Bradley. Motion passed unanimously.

An introduction of Sherry Jenkins, Transition Services Manager, Army Transition Assistance Program, USAG-Fort Carson as a new WDB Member was made.

An introduction of Seth Harvey, CEO, Bluestaq LLC as a new WDB Member was made.

An introduction of Dr. Shawn P. Murray, President, Chief Academic Officer, Cyber Security Professional CISO, Murray Security Services & Consulting as a new WDB Member was made.
Testimonial:

Michael Walton introduced Pikes Peak Workforce Center client, Darrell Walker who discussed his journey through PPWFC to be a transition counselor at Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center. After spending 20 years in prison, Darrell was released at 70 years old and immediately began working with Jen McGee and Michael Walton to establish his new life.

Speakers:

Jean Dougherty, Talent Pipeline Analyst, Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC), & Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) reported on Colorado Workforce Statistics. Several questions were addressed including a definition of vulnerable jobs, addressing the teacher shortage, and upskilling employees into new positions.

Ingrid Richter, ISR Strategies, LLC, Business Strategy Consulting spoke about the challenges and successes of filling the skills gap. Encouragement was given to the Board to take the YouScience assessment which identifies strengths and potential career paths.

Board Business:

Traci Marques discussed how UpSkill Pikes Peak has been used with success while working with the hospital systems as well as the partnership with Alliance for Kids and Pikes Peak United Way finding safe places for vulnerable kids.

Tamara Moore discussed how the grant from Walmart is being used in retail and hospitality for employee certifications.

Kudos were given to Renee Zentz for the success that she has had in her collaboration on Career in Construction.

The remaining half an hour was dedicated to breakout sessions aimed at brainstorming on the use of the stimulus grant money. A few minutes were allowed by each group to report on their results.

Updates and Roundtable:

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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Kara Nina Fournier Date Aikta Marcoulier Date