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Attendees: Francis Vigil, Debbie Miller, Ann Cesare, Chelsy Harris, 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, Aikta Marcoulier, Reanna Werner, Brian Bradley, Susan King, Seth Harvey, Dr. Shawn Murray, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Zach Barker, Melissa Burkhardt Shields, Dave Jeffrey, Julie Krow, Andy Gilliland, Sherry Jenkins, Jeff Greene, Andrew Winders

Other Attendees: Karissa Hervey, Renise Walker, Steve Klaffky, Mike Sullivan, Ken Arellano, Mark Smith, Chris Garvin, Kat Plaza, Bob Campbell, Judy Emery, Johnathan Tillman, Susan Argote Arciniegas

Members Absent and Excused: Johnathan Liebert, Renee Zentz, Liesl Schmidt, Jim Harris

Staff in Attendance: Traci Marques, Kara Nina Fournier, Tamara Moore, Toya Graham, Robin Lovewell, Becca Tonn, Bill Price, Erica Romero, Laurie Jervay, Tiffany Clark-Trujillo, Daniel Garcia

Ann Cesare, Chair, called meeting to order at 8:00am.

Public Comments: There was no public comment.

Action Items:

A motion was made to approve the March 5th, 2021 meeting minutes by Debbie Miller, seconded by Brian Bradley. Motion passed unanimously.

Testimonial:

Erica Romero, Business Relations Team Lead, spoke about the role of the Business Services group within the community.

Daniel Garcia introduced Susan Argote Arciniegas who described her story of immigration from Columbia to the United States and the assistance she received from the PPWFC in getting employed and established in our community.
Speakers:

Ken Arellano, Jr., Statewide Registered Apprenticeship Consultant, Colorado Urban Workforce Alliance spoke about apprenticeships including the benefits, employer responsibilities, different types, and actual examples.

Elise Lowe Vaughn provided information on the State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity and Innovation (SAEEI) Grant Program.

Relevant Links:

Kat Plaza: apprenticeship@arapahoegov.com or through Erica

Erica Romero: ericaromero@elpasoco.com

Valerie Martin Conley: Here is a link to the UCCS program: https://business.uccs.edu/c-cap

Tamara Moore: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/apprenticeship/occupations

Valerie Martin Conley: Here is more info about the grant UCCS https://communique.uccs.edu/?p=119691

Seth Harvey: I would be very interested in a follow on conversation. Seth.harvey@bluestaq.com

Chelsy Harris, PPCC: PPCC can help with and support apprenticeships, too. Feel free to connect with me at Chelsy.Harris@ppcc.edu.

Sherry Jenkins: Employers with approved apprenticeship programs should also consider a pre-apprenticeship program for transitioning Service Members under DoD SkillBridge with direct entry into the apprenticeship when they transition. Check out UA Veterans in Piping at www.uavip.org as an example.

Tamara Moore: Denise Miller, Ed.D., State Coordinator for Apprenticeships and Experiential Learning, denise.miller@state.co.us

Lisanne McNew: The US Department of Labor has now created a site for employees to report UI fraud as well. Report Unemployment Identity Theft | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)

Lisanne McNew:

Tamara Moore: https://cwdc.colorado.gov/get-involved/public-comment
**Valerie Martin Conley**: Gov Polis will be providing opening remarks at our next Education Town Hall on Early Childhood Education:  [https://tinyurl.com/jpjn6ekz](https://tinyurl.com/jpjn6ekz)

**Aikta - SBDC**: Lots of SBA disaster relief updates and programs including Shuttered Venue Operator Grant, Restaurant Relief, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, PPP:  [www.pikespeaksbdc.org/prepare](http://www.pikespeaksbdc.org/prepare)

**Dr. Shawn P. Murray**: We have the Cyber Security First Friday Event tonight at 4pm. This is a partnership between Murray Security Services and the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC. Anyone contributing to the ecosystem or looking to network or find a cyber job, please attend

**Shawn P. Murray**: Register here!  [https://www.murraysecurityservices.com/first-friday](https://www.murraysecurityservices.com/first-friday)

**Tamara Moore**:  [https://pikespeaksbdc.org/what-we-do/programs/disaster-relief/](https://pikespeaksbdc.org/what-we-do/programs/disaster-relief/)

**Robin Lovewell**, Pikes Peak Workforce Center: If you're interested in supporting Military, Veteran, and Spouse employment, please attend our monthly virtual MVS Coalition meeting the second Tuesday of each month. The next one will be 4/13 from 10:30-11:30am. For more information, please contact me (Robin Lovewell, PPWFC Military Relations Specialist) at 719-238-3791 or  robinlovewell@elpasoco.com.

**Board Business:**

Laurie Jervay provided a PPWFC financial update.

Traci Marques provided a PPWFC update including changing temporary location hours to four days a week, staff getting vaccinated, unemployment claims on hold due to fraud, upcoming job fairs, in person hiring events, definitions of New Americans, and plans for additional federal funding.

**Updates and Roundtable:**

Remaining few minutes were dedicated to 60 second member updates.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.

Submitted by,  
Reviewed by,

{(Signature on File) 4-2-2021}  
Kara Nina Fournier Date  
{(Signature on File) 4-2-2021}  
Aikta Marcoulier Date