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Attendees:  Francis Vigil, Ann Cesare, Kim Mauthe, Aikta Marcoulier, Dr. Shawn Murray, Tammy Sayles, Debbie Miller, Dr. Valerie Martin Conley, Melissa Burkhardt Shields, Tamara Moore, Reanna Werner, Susan King, Seth Harvey, Zach Barker, Stacie Kwitek-Russell, Chelsy Harris, Andy Gilliland, Jim Boland, Lawrence Wagner, Renee Zentz, Elise Lowe-Vaughn

Other Attendees:  Danielle Summerville, Steven Klaffky, Jesse Vasquez

Members Absent and Excused:  Jim Harris, Jeff Greene, Kelly Mitchell, Andrew Winders, Johnathan Liebert, Dave Jeffrey, Assistant County Administrator Kenny Hodges, Robert McLaughlin, Beth Ann Taylor, Brian Bradley, Sherry Jenkins, Lisanne McNew

Staff in Attendance:  Traci Marques, Becca Tonn, Bill Price, Toya Graham, Bob Gemignani, Robin Lovewell, Tiffany Clark, Cathy Cimino, Laurie Padilla

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

Public Comments:  There was no public comment.

Speakers:

PPWFC client Zachary Burch spoke about his experience entering into an internship and becoming a permanent employee at the Springs Recovery Connection.

Duane Roberson, CTE Director, Colorado Springs School District 11, presented on Career & Technical Education Programs and why they are important.

Bob Gemignani, Director, Pikes Peak Business and Education Alliance, spoke about the In-School Youth programs.

Traci Marques proposed the establishment of a Youth Subcommittee. A motion was made to approve the establishment of the Youth Subcommittee by Tamara Moore, seconded by Debbie Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
Traci Marques did a poll asking who would be interested in participating in the Youth Subcommittee. Eight Board Members were interested and nine would like to receive more information.

Traci Marques discussed House Bill 1264 and then participants broke into discussion groups.

Group 1: Robin, Aikta, Ann, Bob, Danielle, James, Jay

Would like to see a list of certifications and clarification on what partners can be used to attain them. Discussed the need for consistent messaging and marketing. Focus on re-training and creating new positions. New emphasis on job culture, benefits, and flexibility.

Group 2: Debbie, Shawn, Jessie, Melissa, Pete, Reanna, Seth, Tammy, Tiffany

How do we raise awareness? The platform is great, the focus needs to be on communicating and marketing. Speak to the businesses. What is important to the workforce? What are they looking for in a workplace?

Group 3: Bill, Chelsea, Kelly, Laurie, Stacie, Tamara, Toya, Zach

Focus on business partnerships. Using childcare as an example, perhaps offering training through PPCC with certification at the end. Work with Chamber and EDC, Women’s Chamber, Black Chamber, Hispanic Chamber and ask that they reach out to their members with information about the programs.

Group 4: Becca, Francis, Kim, Renee, Lawrence, Valerie, and Valerie

The desire of the workforce to obtain a better job. Seed pilots: how can businesses better work with the Workforce Center? Focus on investing in our youth.

Traci Marques discussed current goals and plans for the House Bill 1264 Grant.

Laurie Padilla provided a financial update.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28am.

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