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## Board Meeting Summary July 14-15, 2016

### Council Members Present:

Jay Hardy, Toya Paynter, Kyle Sickman, Liddy Romero, Josh Davies, Andrea Anderson, Joe Anzures, Joel Buchanan, Kelly Causey, John Fleck, Peggy Gair, Dennis Hisey, Kristie LaRose, Bob Nogueira, Susan Rogers, Trish Sullivan.

### Others Present:

State Agency Representatives: Susan White, Tricia Johnson  
Staff Members: Alba Duque, Stephanie Veck, Lee Wheeler-Berliner, ShaJuana Williams  
Guests: Bill Dowling, Barry Pardus, Beth Bean, Clarke Becker, Dawn Garcia, Katie Griego, Kelly Manning, Patricia Reedy, Phil Noble, Roseyn Hood, Johanna Jaminson, Ryan Gensler.

### Approval of Agenda and Old Business:

July board [MEETING AGENDA](#) approved.  
March [MEETING MINUTES](#) approved.

### Goals of the Meeting:

1. Dig into economic development challenges and opportunities and the connections of state and local activities
2. Learn about the Eastern Local Area
3. Align priorities and set the CWDC up for success in PY16
4. Continue effective implementation of WIOA
5. Get to know your fellow Council members and have fun!

### Eastern Local Area Overview ([Please see Eastern Sub-Local Area slides](#))

Jay introduced Dawn Garcia, Local Area Director of the Eastern Workforce Region. She spoke about the agriculture, healthcare, and energy sectors; she shared some statistics regarding the number of jobseekers and employers they helped in 2015, as well as the number of jobs they entered.

### WIOA Implementation

Jay introduced Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC Assistant Director. He explained to the council that the State Plan will be available on the CWDC website late September. Next, Lee updated the council about the WIOA Cross trainings. He said that 18 sessions were presented in different locations within the state increasing the opportunity for people to attend. Lee explained the council that CWDC is responsible for certifying local workforce boards based on the three components: compliance with the WIOA regulations, performance, and fiscal integrity. Jay called for a vote to certify all the local workforce development boards. Dennis Hisey made first motion, and Andrea Anderson seconded. The local workforce development boards were approved unanimously.

## Prison Closure: A Discussion on the impacts and the community response

Jay introduced Rol Hudler, Office of Economic Development, City of Burlington. He talked to the council about the closure of the Kit Carson Prison at the end of July. He explained to the council the reasons for this decision and how the community will be affected. Dawn Garcia informed the attendees that they are the closest workforce center, and that they will be helping people by doing a job fair. Susan White explained to the council that prisons do not have the amount of people that used to have because now there are other programs available, and judges have now other options depending on the case. Bill Dowling stepped up to explain how they can help the prisoners to prepare for the working life.

## FY17 CWDC Budget and PY16 PIF

Jay introduced Stephanie Veck, CWDC Director, and Kyle Sickman, Treasurer Council. They talked about the letter for the governor's office and explained the priorities mentioned on the letter. Afterwards, they divided the attendees in four groups and asked them to answer the following questions:

1. Do you think the council initiatives are a priority?
2. Are the definitions on the letter clear?
3. Do you think we should support that?
4. How can the council and the council staff support those initiatives?

The feedback will be presented to the Executive Committee meeting in October

## Sector Partnership and Career Pathways [\(Please see slides\)](#)

Next, Jay introduced ShaJuana Williams, CWDC Industry Liaison. She explained to the council what is a sector partnership and how is made. She said that industry is leading the conversation, and they ask the council for support to go in the right direction. She talked about the sector partnerships grants and how important they are to support their work. Lee stepped up to explain the council why so many sector partnerships have been launched on the last months. ShaJuana also shared the importance of a sector partnership, how they can be created, and the benefits you can obtain, especially for business.

## Talent FOUND Update [\(Please see slide\)](#)

Stephanie Veck talked to the council about TalentFOUND. She explained that this will be a website, a marketing, and communication strategy to bring people to one place to give them all the resources they need, depending on some questions they have to answer. She explained that everything else that is already out will be used, but everything

## Council Member Spotlight – [\(Please see slides\)](#):

Jay introduced Andrea Anderson, Human Resources and Safety Manager at Smithfield, and CWDC council member. She talked to the council about the company she works for, what they do, and her role within the organization. She said that Smithfield is a huge corporation with over 200 employees; she talked a little bit about their beginnings, their products, and their customers.

## Small Business Development Centers and Workforce – [\(Please see slides\)](#):

Jay introduced Kelly Manning, Deputy Director of OED and State Director of SBDC. She talked about their mission and how they work. She explained that instead of going to the communities to tell them what to do, they want to hear from them what they need, and they will show them all the opportunities available.

## Morgan Community College

Jay introduced Valerie Rhoades, Director of Morgan Community College in Burlington. She shared with the council how the college in Burlington started, their biggest programs, and the new technology they have that allow students to connect for a class anywhere they are. She said that the college has a 34% graduation rate and they are now celebrating 10 years.

## Region 5 Healthcare Sector Partnership Spotlight

Jay introduced Melody Bolton and Jennifer Beck. They explained to the council that region 5 covers the counties of Elbert, Lincoln, Cheyenne, and Kit Carson. They talked about the problems on this region, especially the problems with the healthcare industry, and how much they need a sector partnership on health care that can help them with the necessities on the region.

More information:

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