JANUARY 2017 COUNCIL MEETING  
LONGMONT, CO

Approval of Agenda and Old Business  
Agenda and previous minutes approved.

Goals of Meeting
- Discover potential of business and education partnerships
- Recommend strategies for alignment of K-12 education and workforce systems
- Deepen the Council’s understanding of the issues facing workforce centers
- Effectively conduct CWDC business and get to know fellow Council members

Council Member Spotlight  
Kyle Sickman, vice president-business lending at First Bank, talked about his professional background, the history of First Bank, and the work he does in the company.

Business & Education Partnerships: Options for ESSA Implementation and Beyond  
Misti Ruthven, Executive Director of Innovation and Career Pathways, Colorado Department of Education (CDE), explained CDE’s purpose and goals, mentioning that schools districts’ challenges are often reflected in other areas, such as workforce.

Sector Strategies Update  
Wendy Brors, CWDC assistant director, conveyed the high level of interest in launching new sector partnerships as well interest in grants and technical assistance for current partnerships. Of the 14 recognized key industries, four have sector partnerships, four are interested, and four are trade associations.

Policy Guidance Letter (PGL) on Transferring Funds between Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs  
Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC assistant director, said that when moving funds flexibility and guidance are both important. In drafting the PGL they worked to include both. A vote was held and the policy was approved unanimously.

WIOA State Plan Dashboard  
Abby Ault, CWDC workforce liaison, recapped the WIOA state goals, walked through the dashboard draft, and solicited feedback on the dashboard from Council members.

High Impact Workforce Development Boards: Dialogue w/ Directors & Local Chairs  
Lee highlighted current issues of local boards, explaining their priorities. Attendees broke into groups to discuss how the council can provide better support to the local workforce boards.

Attendees  
Council Members: Lewis-Zilli, Duffy, Abbott, Hardy, Larsen, Fleck, Barela, Buchanan, Davies, Zinn, Grazier, Causey, LaRose, Sickman, Romero, McNew, Math, Patrick, Keiffer, McCarville, Nogueira;  
State Agency Representatives: Susan White;  
Staff Members: Ault, Duque, Wheeler-Berliner, Walker, Veck, Brors;  
Guests: Aleta Sherman, Angela Baber, Betty Velasquez, Cloe Wiebe, Clarke Becker, Curtis Englehart, Danny Cisneros, David Griffin, Erin Jones, Jordan Sauers, Judy Emery, Larry Lemmons, Libby Klingsmith, Meredith Marshall, Misti Ruthven, Nora Saenz, Phil Noble, Phyllis Albritton, Ray Lucero, Sara Miller, Sarah Heath, Sumer Sorensen-Bain, Tami...