Approval of Agenda and Old Business

Agenda and previous minutes approved.

Goals of Meeting

- Determine how the CWDC can best support statewide goals for talent development.
- Discover what is driving the economy in southeast Colorado.
- Efficiently conduct CWDC business.
- Get to know your fellow Council members and have fun!

Council Business

- Welcome from Cynthia Nieb, Executive Director of Economic Development in La Junta.
- Pre-work: Lee answered questions from the pre-work.
- TalentFOUND Op-Ed: Ryan Keiffer, A-Train Marketing Communications. He asked help spread out the word about TalentFOUND.
- Education pathways update: Misti Ruthven, Dr. Katy Anthes, and Thomas Hartman- Education is the industry that has been worked this year. Colorado is the 1st state to name education as an industry.
- Affordable housing: The Council has been invited to seat with stakeholders and talk about affordable housing in Colorado. There will be an update about this topic during the September meeting.
- Unemployment insurance: Vote to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to create policy related to unemployment insurance: Approved.
- Strategic priorities for the state of Colorado: Joe Barela, CDLE. He talked about the Governor’s priorities and how the goals of the council can be aligned with those priorities.
- Strategic vision: Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC. The Council agreed that was time to reassess the council’s mission and vision. Attendees were divided into groups for a discussion. Video
- Welcome from Otero Junior College: Timothy Alvarez, Ph.D. President. He welcomed the Council and talked about the college.
- Mental and behavioral health: JC Carrica and Jeannie Larsen, Southeast Health Group (SHG). They talked about mental health in the area and their challenges.
- Agriculture industry and labor changes: John Knapp, Agriculture. He talked about the agriculture in the region, some of the challenges they face and shared a video.
- Career pathways industry selection: Thomas Hartman, CWDC. He explained the career pathways multi-year phase methodology. Vote to approve the proposed career pathways methodology: Approved. Vote to select the new four industries to focus on career pathways development. The Council selected energy, behavioral health, agriculture, and transportation.
- Financial prioritization: Lisanne McNew, CWDC Treasurer. She explained CWDC funding sources. Attendees were divided into groups for the financial exercise that continued on the second day of the meeting.

Council Member Spotlight: Rachel Patrick, SBDC. She talked about herself and her work.

Tour Innovative Water Technologies, Inc.

Older workers task force: Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC. He talked about this task force and welcomed others to participate. There will be a report out at the January 2020 meeting.

WIOA 2020 state plan: Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC. Last state plan was submitted in 2016, a new state plan for four years needs to be submitted by March 31, 2020. The draft will be shared with the council and the document will be posted for public comments.

Attendees:


State Agency Representatives: Barry Pardus, Katie Zaback, Steve King, Macain Hildebran, Misti Ruthven, Kristin Corash.

Staff Members: Jean Dougherty, Thomas Hartman, Madison Murphy, Alba Duque, Lee Wheeler-Berliner.