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Board Meeting Summary October 17-18, 2013

Council Members Present:

Joe Barela, David Csintyan, Josh Davies, Rep. Brian DelGrosso, Clay Drake, Rep. Crisanta Duran, Peggy Gair, Jay Hardy, Dennis Hisey, Ryan Keiffer, Kristie LaRose, Jeannie Larsen, Jeff Macco, Dean McCall, Sean McCarville, Don McClure, Buzz Moore, Jim Neubecker, Kyle Sickman, Toya Speckman, Trish Sullivan, Paula Swenson, Grover Wallace, Kathy Worthington, Julie Zinn

Others Present:

Representatives: Margaret Kirkpatrick (for Robert Hammond), Inta Morris (for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia), Scott Stump (for Nancy McCallin), Chantal Unfug (for Reeves Brown), Carl Wotowis (for Rick Raemisch)
Staff Members: Amy Hodson, Emily Templin Lesh, Stephanie Steffens, Rebecca Waldo
Others Present: Jacob Castillo, Bill Dowling, Joni Friedman, David Griffin, Sen. John Kefalas, BJ Lopez, John Martinez, Mina Muirhead, Scott Nielsen, Phil Noble, Brian Pool, David Prawel, Lauren Ries, Jerry Thurber, Angelo Trujillo

Agenda Approval and Old Business:

October board meeting [agenda](#) approved.
July [meeting minutes](#) adopted.

Goals of the Meeting:

1. Welcome and engage new members
2. Gain agreement around strategic plan summary
3. Demonstrate implementation of the strategic plan through committee work
4. Seek input from full Council to guide current initiatives
5. Learn about and share innovative practices from local community
6. Have some fun!

Strategic Plan (see [slides](#) and [Strategic Plan](#)):

The Strategic Planning Task Force worked in September to propose a new mission statement and strategic goals. The Council reviewed the new mission statement and the Strategy Articulation Map (SAM). The mission statement was unanimously approved. The Council reviewed each of the five strategic goals, and made slight changes on wording of two of the goals. The five strategic goals were unanimously approved.

Education & Training Committee (see [slides](#)):

Josh Davies, Chair of the Education & Training Committee, gave an overview of the purpose and structure of the committee, which is to coordinate efforts and leverage best practices in education and training programs across Colorado. Josh gave an update from the State Youth Council, and invited Scott Stump from the Colorado Community College System to provide an update on the Career Pathways initiative. Rebecca Waldo talked about the goals and purpose of the Governor's STEM Roadmap, which is to coordinate and align all STEM education efforts across the state. Josh then moderated a panel about STEM initiatives, with panelists: Scott Nielsen from Preston Middle School (K-12), Dr. David Prawel from CSU (Higher Ed), and BJ Lopez from Woodward (Industry). The Council had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions to the panelists.

Tours and Dinner:

The group toured the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery (an innovative public-private partnership) and New Belgium Brewery. Over dinner, they heard from Jacob Castillo and Jerry Thurber about the initiatives of the Larimer County Workforce Board. Mrs. Colorado Mina Muirhead then presented about women in the workforce.

Industry/Sectors Committee (see [slides](#)):

Jay Hardy, Chair of the Industry/Sectors Committee, gave an overview of the purpose and structure of the committee, which focuses on championing and supporting sector strategies in Colorado. The National Governors Association is highlighting Colorado as a benchmark state for how to promote regional industry partnerships, and Stephanie Steffens has been invited to present on this topic at the upcoming summits around “America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow’s Jobs” (NGA Chair’s Initiative). Emily Lesh discussed the types of technical assistance that the Colorado Workforce Development Council offers to the regional sector partnerships. Dave Griffin with the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium then gave an update on the Business Services Action Plan. The Council had a work session on performance metrics that should measure and guide the industry engagement work in Colorado. Finally, CWDC announced that there will be a Sectors Summit II in March 2014. More details to come.

Advocacy Committee:

Don McClure, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, talked about the purpose and structure of the committee, which is to advise on policy and legislative issues relevant to the CWDC mission, awareness and marketing efforts, and alignment work. Don moderated a legislative panel, with panelists: Representative Brian DelGrosso (CWDC Member), Representative Crisanta Duran (CWDC Member), and Senator John Kefalas (represents Fort Collins). They talked about their expectations for the upcoming legislative session and how the CWDC can better engage the legislators around workforce issues.

Chair’s Discussion and Wrap Up:

Chair Toya Speckman led a discussion with the Council members about takeaways and action items from the meeting. She reviewed the goals of the meeting, and how they were accomplished. Stephanie mentioned the first ever joint meeting of the National Governors Association State Workforce Board Chairs and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), which occurred in Denver in September. Ellen Golombek, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment, was elected as President-Elect of NASWA. Governor Hickenlooper is currently Chair-Elect of NGA.

More information:

Link to the [full meeting minutes](#)
Link to Rocky Mountain Innosphere: <http://www.rmi2.org/>
Link to Fort Collins Museum of Discovery: <http://www.fcmod.org/>
Link to New Belgium Brewery: <http://www.newbelgium.com>
Link to NGA Chair’s Initiative [“America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow’s Jobs”](#)