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Board Meeting Summary October 18-19, 2012

Council Members Present:

Laurie Brown, Deb Capra, David Csintyan, Josh Davies, Maria Feekes, Aaron Fernandes, Peggy Gair, Karla Grazier, Jay Hardy, Dennis Hisey, Ryan Keiffer, Kristie LaRose, Jeannie Larsen, Wy Livingston, Sean McCarville, Don McClure, Jim Neubecker, Susan Rogers, Jack Saunders, Kyle Sickman, Toya Speckman, Mark Spiecker, Trish Sullivan, Stephanie Van Cleve, John Vukich, Grover Wallace, Roni Wisdom, Kathy Worthington

Others Present:

Representatives: Kristin Corash (for Ellen Golombek), Tony Hernandez (for Reeves Brown), Julie Kerksick (for Reggie Bicha), Margaret Kirkpatrick (for Robert Hammond), Inta Morris (for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia), Jo O'Brien (for Robert Hammond)

Staff Members: Amy Hodson, Emily Templin Lesh, Stephanie Steffens, Rebecca Waldo

Others Present: Clarke Becker, Jennifer Cassell, Dani Crane, Bill Dowling, Dee Hoag, Kari Linker, Elise Lowe-Vaughn, Megan Reyes, Randy Scott, Scott Stump, Charlie Whelan

Agenda Approval, Old Business and Consent Agenda (see [slides](#)):

October board meeting agenda approved.

July meeting minutes adopted.

No discussion on consent agenda items.

Data Driven Strategies (see [slides](#)):

Updates were provided on data alignment efforts within the workforce system and across systems. CWDC and the Labor Market Information office have collaborated to hire a research analyst that will work with all partners to gather the necessary data to accurately represent supply and demand in Colorado's workforce.

Statewide Awareness Work Group, Policy & Legislation, and Key Industries/Sectors (see [slides](#)):

Staff provided an update on the efforts and recent accomplishments of the Statewide Awareness Work Group. The Co-Chairs of the Policy & Legislative Committee, Don McClure and Jen Cassell, led a discussion on expectations for the upcoming legislative session and updates on federal workforce development legislation. The Co-Chair of the Sectors Steering Committee, Jay Hardy, went over the common themes that are emerging from the Key Industry Networks (KIN) and staff gave a summary of the 5th Annual Sectors Academy and its focus on sustainability of existing sector partnerships and integration with the KINs. CWDC will hold a Workforce & Education Summit January 30 – February 1, 2013.

Colorado Department of Education: Graduation Guidelines & 21st Century Skills (see [slides](#)):

The Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Priorities and Research for the Colorado Department of Education, Jo O'Brien, gave a presentation about changes in how the state will approach K-12 education and asked the Council for feedback.

Post-Secondary & Workforce Readiness/Career & Technical Education in Colorado (see [slides](#)):

The Dean of Career & Technical Education for the Colorado Community College System, Scott Stump, gave a presentation about Post-Secondary & Workforce Readiness efforts in Colorado and Career & Technical Education programs. He demonstrated how the community college system's career clusters are aligned with the KINs and sector strategies.

Promising Practice: Engaging Youth Program (see [slides](#)):

Randy Scott from the Southern Colorado Business Partnership updated the Council on the progress and accomplishments of the Engaging Youth Program, which was a grant funded by the CWDC last year.

State Youth Council (see [slides](#)):

Dani Crane, Co-Chair of the State Youth Council, talked about their recent success in providing local youth councils with a toolkit and related training. She also discussed next steps and asked for more business representation on the SYC.

Tying It All Together: Sectors, Key Industries and Career Pathways (see [slides](#)):

Stephanie Steffens tied the work of the KINs, sector partnerships and career pathways initiative together. She used a presentation from Garrett Groves from the National Governors Association to illustrate what is happening at the national level, but drew the connections to Colorado's initiatives specifically.

More information:

Link to the full [meeting minutes](#).