Board Meeting Summary  
October 9-10, 2014

Council Members Present:

Joe Barela, Julie Charneskie, Dave Csintyan, Annie Davies, Josh Davies, Clay Drake, Aaron Fernandes, John Fleck, Peggy Gair, Karla Grazier, Jay Hardy, Dennis Hisey, Jeannie Larsen, Dean McCall, Sean McCarville, Buzz Moore, Toya Paynter, Susan Rogers, Kyle Sickman, Trish Sullivan, Paula Swenson, Senator Jessie Ulibarri, Grover Wallace, Roni Wisdom, Julie Zinn

Others Present:

Representatives: Margaret Kirkpatrick (for Robert Hammond), Levetta Love (for Reggie Bicha), Inta Morris (for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia), Scott Stump (for Nancy McCallin), Chantal Unfug (for Reeves Brown), Susan White (for Rick Raemisch)
Staff Members: Amy Hodson, Abby Hull, Eric Mergens, Lauren Victor, Lee Wheeler-Berliner
Guests: Kate Anderson, Tony Anderson, Rebecca Balu, Clarke Becker, Bill Dowling, Fred Franko, Eric Leftwich, Phil Noble, Scott Wasserman, Shelley Woodson

Representative Millie Hamner:

Representative Hamner discussed her views on education’s role in creating the workforce of the future.

Agenda Approval and Old Business (see “Council Business” slides):

October board meeting agenda approved.
July meeting minutes adopted.

Goals of the Meeting:

1. Updates (New Staff Introductions)
2. Learn, Discuss, Set Direction (Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Performance Dashboards, Talent Pipeline Report)
3. Action (Participate in CWDC committee work)
4. Great Experience (Gain knowledge of and experience the local community, through local representatives and a business tour)

New Business

Amy Hodson went over a summary of the proposed changes to the bylaws, which the Council then voted to approve.

Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (see “Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative” slides):

Scott Wasserman, Chief of Staff for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, and Shelley Woodson, Colorado Department of Higher Education, facilitated a conversation on the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. The ultimate goal of COSI is to leverage a unique public investment and new measurably improved outcomes to raise a state scholarship corpus for Colorado’s future. Next, the team announced the recently released Program Grant RFP. The RFP is to solicit applications for funding to increase the availability and accessibility of college and career readiness programs across
the State, including in rural areas outside of the Denver Metro area. The Council then split into four groups to discuss the following topics and provide feedback to the COSI team.

Keystone Center Overview

Johanna Gibbs, Senior Associate at The Keystone Center, spoke about the mission of The Keystone Center. She explained the center as a “think and do tank,” bringing together today’s leaders to create solutions to society’s pressing challenges.

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Discussion (see “Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act” slides):

Kate Anderson, CDLE, and Lee Wheeler-Berliner, CWDC, facilitated a discussion and gave updates to the Council regarding WIOA. They broke down any changes and ways the new law will affect the Council. They also spoke about the current timeline for implementing WIOA. The Council then split into 8 small groups to discuss topics related to WIOA.

Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County Commissioner:

Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County Commissioner, spoke to the Council about economic development and workforce challenges in Summit County, and how the County is addressing them.

Workforce System Performance Dashboards (see “Performance Dashboards and Talent Pipeline Report” slides):

Tony Anderson, Denver Office of Economic Development – Workforce Development, went over updates to the Business Services Dashboard. Bill Dowling and Rebecca Balu from CDLE discussed the Employment Data Performance Dashboard. The Council requested a deeper look at which data will be most helpful and necessary for them to keep track of the in the future. The CWDC staff will be working to have this information by the next in-person meeting.

Colorado Talent Pipeline Report

Lauren Victor, Research and Policy Analyst to the CWDC and CDHE, facilitated a conversation about the Colorado Talent Pipeline Report. Lauren broke down all of the information the Talent Pipeline Report must include based on SB14-205. She then asked the Council to give feedback on her current report outline, which is due in January.

Committee Meetings:

Jay Hardy, Sectors Steering Committee Chair, and Josh Davies, Education and Training Steering Committee Chair, broke the Council into two groups to discuss committee business.

More information:

Link to the full meeting minutes
Link to FutureForwardColorado.org One-Pager
Link to District at a Glance Reports from CDHE
Link to www.ColoradoScholarshipInitiative.org
Link to The Keystone Center: www.keystone.org
Link to SB14-205
Link to www.SectorsSummit.com