Virtual Board Meeting Summary
March 20, 2014

Council Members Present:
Joe Barela, Julie Charneskie, Dave Csintyan, Josh Davies, Clay Drake, Aaron Fernandes, Peggy Gair, Karla Grazier, Jay Hardy, Ryan Keiffer, Jeff Macco, Dean McCall, Sean McCarville, Don McClure, Buzz Moore, Jim Neubecker, Susan Rogers, Kyle Sickman, Toya Speckman, Mark Spiecker, Trish Sullivan, Paula Swenson, Stephanie Van Cleve, Grover Wallace, Roni Wisdom, Kathy Worthington

Others Present:
Representatives: Todd Jorgenson (for Reggie Bicha), 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: Stephanie Steffens, Amy Hodson, Eric Mergens

Agenda Approval and Old Business:
March board meeting agenda approved.
October meeting minutes adopted.

Policy & Legislative Committee Update
Don McClure and Stephanie Steffens updated the Council on federal issues, including President Obama’s focus on hiring the long-term unemployed and the Long-term Unemployed H-1B Ready to Work Partnerships Grant. There will be a more detailed update on the Colorado legislative session in the April pre-work. The committee is working with partners and legislative liaisons from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, the Office of Economic Development & International Trade, and the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment to establish a long-term strategy.

Local Plans
The strategic priorities for the Program Year 2014 local plans were approved. At the May board meeting, staff will ask for task group members to review the narrative section, with the local plans being up for approval in June. Local board re-certification will occur at the same time.
Strategic Priorities: Sector Strategies/Sector Partnerships; Career Pathways; Local Workforce Investment Board and Local Youth Council Engagement; Business Services Standardization; Outreach
Service Areas of Focus: Business Services; Re-employment of unemployed and under-employed adults; Youth

Looking Forward
Toya Speckman reminded the Council that five members are up for re-appointment in September, and she’ll be reaching out to each one. Three members terms’ will expire in September and they are not eligible to reapply due to term limits.

A team from Colorado, including Stephanie, will be going to Oklahoma City for the National Governors Association Chair’s Initiative meeting to set the groundwork for applying for the NGA Policy Academy. To read more about “America Works: Education and Training for Tomorrow’s Jobs,” click here.
Jay Hardy updated the Council on sector partnerships across the state. Manufacturing sector partnerships hosted micro-summits in Montrose, Denver, and Northern Colorado to inform the development of a manufacturing career pathway. The presentation from the Denver micro-summit can be found here. Region 5 is exploring an energy sector partnership and Region 13 is launching a healthcare sector partnership in April. The next Sectors Steering Committee Meeting will be on April 7 from 11 am-12 pm. If you’d like to participate, please email cwdc@state.co.us.

The Sectors Summit II: Growing the Talent Pipeline will be on May 19-21 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Dr. Joseph Fuller of Harvard Business School will be speaking at the Monday night reception on increasing America’s competitiveness and closing the skills gap. Please direct interested partners to www.sectorssummit.com to learn more and register.

Location Proposals for July Meeting:
The location of the July 17-18 meeting has not yet been determined; if you are interested in hosting the meeting in your region, please submit a proposal to cwdc@state.co.us by April 11. Any proposals that are submitted will be voted on during the April pre-work session.

Pre-Work Session:
April pre-work will be April 22 – May 5. Please watch for the link and directions coming from CWDC.

More information:
Link to the full meeting minutes.