Board Meeting Summary  
May 19, 2014

Council Members Present:
Jeff Ackermann, Joe Barela, Julie Charneskie, Dave Csintyan, Annie Davies, Josh Davies, Clay Drake, Maria Feekes, Peggy Gair, Ellen Golombek, Karla Grazier, Dennis Hisey, Ryan Keiffer, Kristie LaRose, Jeff Macco, Dean McCall, Don McClure, Jim Neubecker, Senator Linda Newell, Susan Rogers, Kyle Sickman, Toya Speckman, Trish Sullivan, Paula Swenson, Stephanie Van Cleve, Grover Wallace, Kathy Worthington, Julie Zinn

Others Present:
Representatives: Rebecca Holmes (for Robert Hammond), Margaret Kirkpatrick, Levetta Love (for Reggie Bicha), Inta Morris (for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia), Scott Stump (for Nancy McCallin)
Staff Members: Stephanie Steffens, Amy Hodson, Emily Lesh, Eric Mergens, Rebecca Waldo
Guests: Kelly Folks, Joni Friedman, Francie Genz, John Melville, Jessie Oettinger, Brent Parton, Lynn Selby, Lindsey Woolsey

The Role of Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways in Tackling Poverty:
Prior to the board meeting, additional guests joined the Council for lunch and a facilitated discussion about “The Role of Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways in Tackling Poverty.”

Agenda Approval and Old Business (see slides):
May board meeting agenda approved.
March virtual meeting minutes adopted.

April Pre-Work Session Review:
The July Meeting Location Proposal was approved and will be held in Centennial on July 17-18. More details including an agenda will be sent out in June.
The members of the Colorado Workforce Development Council voted to support the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative.

Website Update:
The Colorado Workforce Development Council’s website will be joining other State agencies in an overhaul of the existing site. The end result will be much more user-friendly and interactive. It even has a new address! Go to www.coworkforcecouncil.org in July to see the changes taking place.

CWDC Strategic Plan: The Role of CWDC in Convening and Supporting Collaborative Work:
Stephanie Steffens and CWDC’s partners provided an in-depth update on the legislative session and how each relevant bill and program can be integrated into the goals of the CWDC Strategic Plan. Discussed were:
  * ReHire Colorado (extended with HB 14-1015)
  * SB 14-015 Hospitality Career Education Grant
  * SB 14-004 Community College Four-Year Programs
  * SB 14-205 Talent Pipeline Working Group
  * HB 14-1085 Adult Education and Literacy Programs


Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative:
Stephanie Steffens led a discussion on ideas of how this piece of legislation seamlessly fits within CWDC’s existing five strategic plan goals.

New Business:
Chair Toya Speckman made a recommendation to postpone the nomination of Chair-Elect to accommodate the timing of November’s gubernatorial election. The Council approved and the nomination of a Chair-Elect will be delayed until January 2015.
A proposal was brought forward to move the scheduled October board meeting up by a week. The Council approved and the meeting will be held October 9-10.

PY14 Local Plans
As a follow-up to the March virtual meeting, the CWDC is responsible for approving the workforce region’s annual plans to ensure alignment with the CWDC’s strategic goals. The PY14 Local Plans include local board recertification this year and will go into effect on July 1, 2014. The plans will be submitted by the regions prior to May 30, initially reviewed by CDLE and CWDC staff, and then by three volunteer Council members: Trish Sullivan, Kristie LaRose, and Grover Wallace. The task group will provide recommendations to the Executive Committee, who will approve the plans on behalf of the Council.

Location Proposals for October Meeting:
The location of the October 9-10 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 June 27. Any proposals that are submitted will be voted on during the July board meeting.

More information:
Link to the full meeting minutes.