Board Meeting Summary
July 17-18, 2014

Council Members Present:
Joe Barela, Laurie Brown, Debbie Capra, Julie Charneskie, Dave Csintyan, Josh Davies, Clay Drake, Maria Feekes, Aaron Fernandes, Peggy Gair, Karla Grazier, Dennis Hisey, Ryan Keiffer, Kristie LaRose, Jeannie Larsen, Wy Livingston, Jeff Macco, Dean McCall, Sean McCarville, Don McClure, Buzz Moore, Jim Neubecker, Toya Paynter, Susan Rogers, Jessie Ruiz, Kyle Sickman, Trish Sullivan, Stephanie Van Cleve, Kathy Worthington

Others Present:
Representatives: Rebecca Holmes (for Robert Hammond), Levetta Love (for Reggie Bicha), Inta Morris (for Lt. Governor Joe Garcia), Scott Stump (for Nancy McCallin)
Staff Members: Stephanie Steffens, Emily Templin Lesh, Amy Hodson, Eric Mergens, Abby Hull

Agenda Approval and Old Business (see “Council Business July 2014” slides):
July board meeting agenda approved.
May meeting minutes adopted.

Goals of the Meeting:
1. Updates (PY14 Local Plan Approvals, STEM Roadmap, Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, H-1B Grant)
2. Learn, Discuss, Set Direction (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Sector Partnerships & Career Pathways, Business Services Standardization, Tackling Poverty Together)
3. Action (Select October meeting location, Strategy for approval of the budget)
4. Great Experience (Learn about the local community and the collaboration between workforce, economic development, and education)

Updates:
Chair Toya Paynter announced that the PY14 Local Plans and LWIB Recertifications have been approved by the Executive Committee. Julie Charneskie gave a summary of the proposed Summit County locations for the October 9-10 meeting, and the location was approved. For PY14, the CWDC has received 3.75% of what was the 10% Discretionary Fund. Toya proposed that the Executive Committee, along with other members who are passionate about the budget, form a task group to develop a budget approval strategy. The strategy for formulating the budget was approved. As the meeting was held at the Centennial Airport, updates were followed by a bus tour of the airport.

Strategic Plan Updates:
Director Stephanie Steffens gave an update on the progress of both the STEM Roadmap and the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. Fred Franko and Kristie LaRose then gave an update on the H-1B Grant and asked the Council to think about people they know who might benefit from the program.
Workforce & Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) (see “WIOA Key Topics for CWDC” and “WIOA Highlights” slides):
The Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act was discussed, including some of the key impacts to the Council, such as State Workforce Board functions; focus on Sector Partnerships and Career Pathways; Regional Designation and Regional Planning; the role of the State Youth Council; membership structure of the board; the Governor’s 15% Set-Aside (Discretionary Fund); and Performance Measures. USDOL has six months for rulemaking, and there will be time for public comment and input.

Sector Partnerships (see “Sector Partnerships – Carrying the Momentum Forward” slides and “Business Leader Roles in Sector Partnerships”):
Emily Templin Lesh facilitated this conversation. The goal was to identify specific action steps that CWDC business members can take to help move sector partnerships forward across Colorado. Council members requested several resources to assist them in their efforts; links can be found at the end of this summary.

Business Services Standardization (see “Business Services July 2014 Update” slides):
Dave Griffin and Tony Anderson presented information about Program Year 2013 Business Services outcomes, the impact of the LEAN event, accessing business services through the workforce centers, and staff professional development, as well as the results of several Business Services performance measures that have been implemented.

Dinner
The Council traveled to the Madden Museum of Art for dinner and a presentation from Mike Fitzgerald, CEO of the Denver South Economic Development Partnership. Mike discussed how the Denver South EDP collaborates with its education and workforce partners to address the needs of business in South Denver.

Thank You to Council Members with Expiring Terms
Toya and Stephanie thanked four members whose terms will expire in September, presented them with certificates in appreciation of their service, and asked them to address the Council. These members were Don McClure, Jim Neubecker, Jessie Ruiz, and Kathy Worthington.

CU South Denver at The Wildlife Experience (See “CU South Denver Overview” slides):
Tony Smith, Executive Director, welcomed the Council and provided an overview of the CU South Denver program, followed by a tour of the CU South Denver space within The Wildlife Experience.

Tackling Poverty in Colorado (See “Tackling Poverty in Colorado” slides):
Elizabeth Garner, State Demographer for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, presented data around poverty in Colorado and pointed out areas where the CWDC could truly make a difference. Staff from the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment facilitated a work session with the end goal being to develop two or three action items that the CWDC can achieve on the subject of poverty within the next 60 days.

More Information:
- Link to the full meeting minutes
- Link to the National Governors Association’s Summary of WIOA
- Link to Dr. Fuller’s presentation from Sectors Summit II: “U.S. Competitiveness: Building America’s Middle Skills”
- Link to Colorado Sector Partnerships Overview
- Link to the Greater Metro Denver Healthcare Partnership video
- Link to the Colorado Regional Sector Partnership Convener Training Workbook
- Link to CU South Denver One Sheet
- Link to CU South Denver: www.cusouthdenver.org