

SOUTHEAST COLORADO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING

GoTo Meeting
March 25, 2014
1:00pm-2:00pm

Members present:	Representing:
Jeannie Larsen	SEMH WIB Chair
Gerald Barber	Crowley County Rep
Jim Rizzuto	OJC President
Johnnie DeLeon	IF
Jerry Nickel	Education
Joe Pentlicki	Private
Ron Davis	Private
Sheila Hudson	Huerfano DSS
Chris Tuma	Corrections
Jayne McGraw	Healthcare
John Marrin	LCC President
Dan Tate	SECED
Ryan Stevens	Economic Development
Betty Velasquez	Southeast /South Central Director
Ray Martinez	La Junta Workforce Center
Charles Griego	Trinidad Workforce Center
Shannon Garcia	Southeast Workforce Center

Members Not Present: Bill Koehler, Nancy Wilkinson, Ray Garcia

Welcome/Introductions: Jeannie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Changes: No agenda changes were requested.

Consent Vote: Minutes approved no corrections were noted. New board members were also approved Dr. Carmen Simone and Ryan Stevens.

Reports and Updates: Betty shared Wagner Peyser numbers with the board; the span of time covered was from July 1, 2013 to March 21, 2014. Betty then presented the WIA allocation vs obligation for Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth. Betty then discussed the state plan, local plan, and actual number enrolled in the Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Programs. Betty noted that in some cases the state plan has been met and exceeded and the region is still working towards the local goals but are doing very well at achieving those goals. Betty then covered where individuals enrolled in WIA are receiving formalized training. Betty then discussed the training distribution between Occupational Training, On the Job Training, and Work Experience. Joe asked why there was a decrease in OJC enrollments from 2012 to 2013, Betty noted that in some cases that staff was unable to get in front of the classes and the timing of outreach was not always favorable. Jim stated that next year Workforce will be stationed in Student

Services to meet with students and catch them early on. Betty noted that students can still be enrolled if they are attending OJC we just cannot pay for tuition at this point rather supportive services only until the next semester.

Betty then discussed the consolidation of offices in Rocky Ford and La Junta. Betty noted that she has talked to Clarke about this matter and Ryan Stevens has also been very helpful in identifying available properties. Betty noted that she understands this would have an impact on the City of Rocky Ford as well as Otero County due to rent paid to them currently for the La Junta Office. Betty stated that 402 Santa Fe is the new location that she has been looking at as an available space. Betty noted that the landlord for the Santa Fe location is willing to pay the \$78,000 in renovation fees if we were to move into that space. Betty noted that it would be a cost savings of at least \$1000 per month for the consolidation of both offices. Betty noted that by being in La Junta staff would have better access to the larger employer base. Betty then stated that she wanted to let the Otero County Commissioners know of the plans as well as meet with City of Rocky Ford. Betty said that she did meet with Otero County and there was some opposition. Betty asked for board feedback about the consolidation of the offices. Jerry Barber asked if that would free up more money for clients; Betty said it would. Joe stated that in looking at the numbers and seeing how staff could better work together under one roof it would be beneficial. Jeannie stated that she likes the idea; she noted that it just makes sense to be in La Junta. Betty stated that at one time there were two full service offices one in Rocky Ford and the other in La Junta. Betty stated that at the time when the La Junta Office closed it was due to the Rocky Ford Office being more accessible for the agriculture industry. Johnnie stated that he supports the move it just makes sense financially; but Johnnie cautioned that the remodel may take more time than expected. Betty stated that his point was well taken; she also noted that in the current lease with Rocky Ford that month to month is an option in the case that construction took longer than expected. Jeannie asked if the lease in La Junta was also up in June. Betty noted that it is. Betty also informed the board that the timing is right with both leases expiring in June. Jeannie asked if La Junta could be month to month as well but Betty didn't think that was necessary because if need be staff there could come to Rocky Ford temporarily. Ron stated that this is a decision that has to be made and with there being other funds freed up for clients and with outreach the idea could be sold. Dan agreed with the other board members; Dan also asked if he saw in the presentation that the space in Rocky Ford is over 5000 sq ft. Betty said that it was and the space is not all utilized and we have asked the City of Rocky Ford to identify other tenants for the space downstairs but nothing to date. Betty also noted that there have been four instances of vandalism over the past six months at this location. Dan asked if the month to month option would be at an increased rate or not, Betty stated that it would not. Jeannie asked if Betty would be calling Ray Garcia to fill him in about the consolidation and she stated that she would. Betty also discussed the counties in the region that do not have offices as well as the ones that do. Jeannie asked the board if anyone felt this was not a good decision no opposition was stated.

Betty stated that Ellen Golombek and William Dowling will be coming for a visit on April 16, 2014 they will be attending SEBREA as well as meeting with Commissioners.

Betty also noted that the Youth Career Conference is coming up Betty thanked Jeannie and Joe for being presenters, Johnnie for letting us utilize their facility, Jim for assisting with the activities, and Ron for assisting in getting a Keynote Speaker. Betty also highlighted the Girls in the Middle Conference, Jim and John noted that they maxed out on the number of participants this year and each year the conference gets better. Betty also discussed that the Lamar/Granada area will not have agricultural activity this year; activity will occur primarily in Otero, Crowley, Lincoln, and Pueblo Counties. Betty then discussed the Sectors Summit and she asked if any board members will be attending or if they had gotten the information; some members did get the information but no one confirmed attendance. Betty then stated that the Colorado Rural Workforce Consortium WIB Meeting will be in Alamosa in May.

Betty asked if her report was sufficient for the board; Joe stated that he likes the standardization of the report because he can then reference previous reports to see how things compare.

Other: Jeannie stated that the group tasked with working on the Strategic Plan will be holding off on working on the Plan until the Consortium approves the finalized version of their Strategic Plan, this should occur in May.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 10:30am at Ft Lyon
Jerry stated that when you arrive at Ft. Lyon, drive through the gate and go to the center building; walk up the stairs of that center building and the conference rooms are on the left. It was noted that the Bent County Economic Development Foundation will provide lunch for our next meeting. For the next meeting each guest is being asked to bring one article of good used clothing (male or female) to donate to the client clothing bank. Jeannie also noted that some people may be interested in carpooling to the meeting at Ft. Lyon.

It was discussed that at the next meeting someone from Ft. Lyon could give a presentation and the board would also like to have either an employer testimonial or a jobseeker testimonial.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Garcia