

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting (Full Board Meeting)

1/26/2024

Executive Board Attending: Erin Jones, Corine Waldau, Cindy Scurry and Bernadine Mao

501c3 Meeting called to order at 8:02 am by Corrine Waldau. Erin explained the purpose of the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 am.

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Consent Items

All consent items were approved. No questions were asked.

Director Updates – Erin Jones

State Audit was conducted in November 2023. They review files, processes, and policies. Everything went very well. “Cleanest in the state” was what one auditor said. Thank you, Workforce Boulder County, for all the attention to details.

The board enjoyed a tour of McGuckin Hardware and Embassy Suites in Boulder yesterday.

Check out the Workforce Boulder County Report that was sent to all members. You’ll see the number of business and people that have taken advantage of our services. Thank you to all for making this happen.

Our program guidance letter for the 4-year local plan has been launched. Today we will break out into 7 sessions to answer 7 questions. We need your input. Our goal is to have a draft local plan by April 2024.

Reps from the Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience (OSCAR) is attending today. Our county goals of climate and careers is all woven together. Oscar has granted funds to Workforce Boulder to help our county with the needs in this sector, specifically green trades (HVAC, electrical, pipefitters, etc. We have ambitious goals nationally and regionally. We need to ramp up these professions 4-5 times our current numbers.

Several regional counties got together to discuss financing talent without grants – utilizing income share agreements. Employers help create scholarships for new hires. We are also discussing behavioral health as it relates to workforce pipelines. In the newsletter today you will see an event coming up on 3/13/2024 at Front Range Community College on behavioral health. Behavioral health partners, workforce, providers panel will all be there with a focus on addressing the crisis in behavioral health. We are responders to behavioral health. We are committed to responding more deeply to eliminate the crisis.

Breakout Groups to Discuss WIOA Local Plan Topics

7 questions, 7 groups. Notes and details from these breakout sessions are with Erin Jones.

Closing Remarks

Tony Smith, from CDLE, presented an award for high performing board for program year 2022. Picture was taken with the award.

Marta Loachamin also thanked Erin Jones for working at a state level and local level for our county and initiatives.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.