

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting (Full Board Meeting)

5/17/2024

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting called to order at 8:09 am.

Consent Items

All consent items were approved. No questions were asked.

Director Updates – Nora Sáenz

Our local plan is progressing – it was submitted for public comment.

Sustainability new hire starts next week.

Behavioral Health is a focus.

Dara DiRito our Work-based Learning Program Coordinator, started.

Presentation from Intrado – Brittany Gratton, Sr. Director of Talent Acquisition & Development

Intrado serves public safety. Their vision is to save lives and protect communities. They were founded in 1979, and currently have about 1000 employees. They work with 911 emergency – they send location info to 911 call center. They work with all phone carriers. They have hardware and software for the 911 call center. They have services for business and schools. They are currently going through a culture change and seeking new hires – mainly software and customer support.

New Americans Presentation by Anthony Cherwinski, Global Talen Administrator, Office of New Americans

Office of New Americans established in June 2021. Their vision is that all new Americans have equitable access.

Who are new Americans? Immigrants (conscience decision to move), Refugees (forced to leave their country due to war), Asylum-seekers (seeking protection) and Migrants (relocate for economic reasons, ex. seasonal work). Refugees have work eligibility immediately upon arriving in the US.

New Americans – a more inclusive term would be Newcomer.

New Americans are usually highly educated and under employed.

Anthony showed a webinar about working with New Americans – Recruiting to Upskilling.

There are approximately 3000 school aged children in Boulder County that are New Americans. Approximately 40,000 have come through Denver in the last 2 years.

<https://ona.colorado.gov/>

Client Testimonial – Natalila Tytysh

Ana spoke on behalf of Natalila. Natalila arrived in Boulder from Ukraine in early 2023. A family in Boulder offered to help her. She connected with Ukraine family and was introduced to Workforce Boulder County. She received a short-term certification in HR at Front Range Community College. She got an internship at Boulder Community Health and now has a full-time job in Denver at Home Instead an in-home healthcare company. She feels the assistance she received at Workforce Boulder County has changed her life and she is grateful for the direction she received.

As a reminder there are sector partnerships (manufacturing, Healthcare, IT, Professional Services and Food & Beverages through Boulder County Chamber of Commerce. If you are interested in an internship or Apprenticeship program, please let them know.

June 20th is Refugee Day in Denver.

Closing Remarks

Introductions for all attending the meeting.

Boulder County Commissioner Marta Loachamin said to let your commissioners know what programs are working so they can continue funding in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.