

## **Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting (Full Board Meeting)**

9/27/2023

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

Meeting called to order at 12:40 pm by Corrine Waldau.

### **Consent Items**

All consent items were approved. No questions were asked.

### **Introductions**

All attendees had a brief introduction.

### **Director Updates – Erin Jones**

Workforce Development Month is September and Open House is Today from 3-5pm.

Youth System Building Grant received in 2023 – 4 Youth Summits are scheduled this Fall. Please connect with Dara to attend.

RFP just went out for Innovation to expand Workforce Services. Approx \$450,000 available for projects.

Recently applied for a foundation fund – the founder is moving to Boulder – for flexible funding for Youth Services – to be implemented in Spring, 2024.

Opportunity Now – finalized contract with St. Vrain's School District to support high school students going into careers in manufacturing and IT.

### **Lee Wheeler-Berliner – Guest Speaker on the State WIOA four year Plan**

Workforce Opportunity Act went into effect with President Obama. With an approved plan, \$80 million goes into Colorado.

This money can help those in the community that need a job and the employers that need employees.

This money helps the labor market's supply and demand. We have goals to address veterans, seniors, youth, young adults, disabled, etc., in building skills and helping them find meaningful employment.

Local and state plans work together to achieve goals.

North Star: Every learner can attain the skills to find a job to support themselves and their family.

Four Goals: Quality, Equity, Access and Availability

The attendees broke into small groups to discuss what role the Workforce Board can play to achieve these goals. What strengths were in our community and where is the biggest opportunities for impact? How do we measure success? What resources do you need?

Nora said she would send out Lee's presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.