

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting (Full Board Meeting)

9/27/2024

Boulder County Workforce Development Board Meeting called to order at 8:10 am. Corrine welcomed the group with a Happy Workforce Development Month and a thanks to Intrado for having the meeting today and offering a tour of their facility after the meeting.

Consent Items

All consent items were approved. No questions were asked. Erin Jones said the dislocated worker numbers are incorrect on the Revenue Source Expenditure Report. A corrected and updated report will be included with the minutes.

Director Updates – Erin Jones

Erin acknowledged the Workforce Development staff and Board members and mentioned that several events were being held to help to celebrate Workforce Development Month.

Erin said they are balancing our budget now to ensure good strategies going forward. They were applying for grants with an emphasis on green jobs and upskilling.

We are the first behavioral health workforce sector in surrounding counties, and we need the workforce to support people with behavioral health.

We are recruiting for new board members October through December, 2024. We want a diverse board. Please give recommendations to Erin.

WFCB Customer Impact Panel

Nora Saenz had 4 customers answer questions and speak on how they connect with Workforce Development staff and how the programs impacted their lives. We were so delighted to hear Marta, Sergio, Crystal and Brad share how internships, apprenticeships, grants, jobs in the field and mentorships changed their personal and professional lives.

Their ideas for improvement were to make a bigger presence in high schools, or even earlier years so students and parents can learn what is available.

It was mentioned that Workforce Development is the “best kept secret” and it shouldn’t be. It takes word of mouth to get others to know about the services and programs. Nora challenged each board member to tell 5 people about Workforce Development.

Closing Remarks

The Customer Impact Board was so appreciated, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing from them. Thanks again to the Workforce Development staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 am.