**Larimer County Workforce Development Board (WDB) Meeting**

***March 11, 2020***

***7:45 – 9:30 a.m.***

**200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Networking and Breakfast**
2. **Welcome (Joyce Saffel)**
   1. Roll call and verification of a quorum
   2. Review agenda
   3. Public comment on topics not on the agenda
3. **Consent Calendar \*Vote\* (Joyce Saffel)**
   1. Review/Approve January 8, 2o2o WDB minutes
   2. Review/Approve February 12, 2020 WDB minutes

After verification of a quorum the January 8, 2020 and February 12,2020 minutes were unanimously passed.

1. **WIOA Operations \*Vote\*** 
   1. **Larimer Area Local Plan (Jacob Castillo)**
      1. Purpose of plan
      2. Overview
      3. Timeline
   2. **Updated Policies \*Vote\*: (Mark Johnston)**
      1. Policy: P&P-03-101 On-The Job Training
      2. Policy: P&P-00-102 Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses
      3. Policy: P&P-07-103 WIOA inCompass Incentive Policy

The LCEWD, WDB Executive Committee, and required partners are working on the updated Larimer Area Local Plan. The plan outlines programs and services and how we work with partners. The plan will have a 30-day public comment period from April 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020.

The WDB Executive Committee has reviewed the policies and recommended they be forwarded to the WDB for approval. Mark Johnston provided an overview of the policies and changes. After a motion from Jean Runyon that was seconded by Mike O’Connell the policies were unanimously approved.

1. **February 12, 2020 Regional Workforce Development Board Meeting (Jacob Castillo)**
   1. Opportunities to collaborate identified
   2. Next steps
      1. April 8, 2020 Regional Workforce Development Board

The February 12, 2020 regional meeting identified opportunities to collaborate. Including the April 8, 2020 regional WDB meeting featuring Josh Davies, renowned national speaker, on the Future of Work.

1. **The Squeeze on the Average American (Mike O’Connell)**

Significant infrastructure and climate change costs will be borne by younger Americans. In addition, education and healthcare costs are significantly higher than other developed countries. The results in a widening of income inequality.

1. **Community Conversation: Town of Wellington (Michelle Vance)**

Wellington is growing 13.3% a year with a projected population of 16,610 in 2023. Wellington has an affluent population with a median household income of $83,904. The Town of Wellington estimates retail leakage is costing over $200 million annually. A variety of economic development programs and business resources to encourage development.

1. **Regional Cluster Data (Amanda Repella)** 
   1. Overview
   2. Six clusters identified
   3. How clusters may look different at the local level
   4. How the cluster analysis ties to WDB priorities
   5. Questions and comments
   6. Next Steps

Amanda Repella presented a preview of cluster information prepared by the Northern Colorado Regional Economic Development Initiative. Industry clusters are a geographic concentration of interconnected companies, specialized supplies, services providers, firms in related industries, and associated institutions. The candidates identified for the REDI cluster growth strategy are:

1. Bioscience and Medical Devices
2. Fabrication and Production Technology Manufacturing
3. Food Processing and Manufacturing
4. Information Technology
5. Construction
6. Energy
7. **Adjourn - (*Joyce Saffel)***

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.