Minutes

GCESG: Labor, Employment, and Education Committee Meeting
April 27th, 2020 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

1. Attendees:
Joe Barela, Katherine Keegan, Wade Buchanan, Kit Taintor, Gary Arnold, Senator Robert Rodriguez, Michael Gifford, Kevin Schneider, Mark Elliot, Rich Meisinger, Chris Howes, Steve Fecheimher, Jamie Simpson, Kelly Brough, Tim Barlow, Stephanie Felix, Edie Sonn, Jason Barrett, Megan Collignon, Amelia Tenne

Members of Public: Lauren Cisneros

2. Meeting Minutes:

- Quick introductions and brief update on CDLE current efforts and most recent unemployment numbers and UI claims
- Move to break out groups (Business/Labor)

Business Readout

*Looking over policies and discussing new policies to submit

- Take advantage of Colorado's entrepreneurial nature and should help people start businesses.
- Importance of liability protections for businesses reopening
- How to implement opportunities for people who are unemployed
- Working with higher education to upskilling workers
- Discussions on how to keep consumers safe and have confidence in system
- Teleworking policies
- Differences in industries ensuring that they are keeping employers

Labor Readout

*Look over the initial policy recommendations submitted and group discussion on which should be considered with the highest priority

- Importance of paid sick leave discussion
  - Agreement that this should be a top priority
- Looking into protections against retaliation
- Discussion on presumptive coverage and ways to implement
- Discussion on protections that workers are able to utilize (PPE, Etc)
- Looking into statues that can help the current state and encourage local development

3. Action Items:

- Differentiating state and federal recommendations