

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 21, 2009

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennie Tunnell
Dave Brandt
Gary Polulak
John Bozymowski

MEMBERS ABSENT

George Kovtun
Ken Austin
Mike Moran

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bierbusse
Linda McLatcher
Marsha Prose

Ms. Tunnell called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2009 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2009 AS PRESENTED;
SUPPORT BY DAVE BRANDT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

a. Recommendation to Approve American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Plan

i. Adult

The federal government has released to the States funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (known otherwise as the economic stimulus package). The time frame is a three-year period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. The adult program is funded nationwide at \$500 million; Michigan has received \$31 million; the local allocation is \$2.5 million. Funds will be used to provide services for an additional 145 economically disadvantaged adults in demand and emerging occupations and will support the training of 1,035 during the grant period.

Since there is such a high demand for this population, it was recommended that \$1.5 million be transferred from the dislocated worker allocation to the adult program.

GARY POLULAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2008 ARRA ADULT PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED
AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN
BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ii. Dislocated Worker

The dislocated worker program is funded nationwide at \$1.2 billion; Michigan received \$76.5 million; the local allocation is \$5.1 million. After the previously approved transfer of funds, the available ARRA dislocated worker plan will have \$3.6 million. It is anticipated to retrain an additional 120 participants who have been permanently displaced from their jobs and support the training of 765 additional dislocated workers during the grant period. .

DAVE BRANDT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2008 ARRA DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM PLAN AS
PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT
BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Request for Additional Dislocated Worker Funds

When the State of Michigan receives initial federal WIA dislocated worker funds, they allocate 60% throughout the Michigan Works system and retain 40% at the state level where agencies can request additional funds as the year progresses. In January, the board received an additional \$3.2 million, which has since been spent. Therefore, based on the local plant closures and layoffs, staff sought permission to request an additional \$2 million to serve 680 customers. Funds will be spent by June 30th.

After review and discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL DISLOCATED WORKER FUNDS AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c. Informational Item

i. Plant Closures

Three closures were reported. Noble International in Warren, a tier 1 auto supplier, is closing at the end of May displacing 410 employees of which 279 are union and 131 are non-union employees. A worker orientation was held May 5th with 70 individuals in attendance. An additional meeting was held May 13th to provide community services information.

Android in Warren, a just-in-time auto supplier to the Chrysler Sterling Assembly plant, is permanently closing affecting 102 employees. A worker orientation was held April 30th with 68 in attendance.

Sur-Flo Plastics & Engineering has two facilities; one in Fraser, one in Warren. Due to the bankruptcy of Chrysler Corporation, the company has reduced production at both sites and approximately 46 employees will be laid off. A rapid response meeting has not been held; however, Michigan Works materials have been provided to management to disperse to affected employees.

Trade certifications were received by Magna Powertrain in Sterling Heights, Mold Tech Michigan in Fraser, St. Clair Plastics in Chesterfield Township, AZ Automotive in Roseville, and the Chrysler Sterling Heights Assembly Plant.

IV. Career Advancement Account

a. Recommendation to Approve Additional Funds

Discussion for a career advancement accounts program began over two years ago. The federal government released \$1.5 million to the State of Michigan and the State is required to match funds to operate a pilot program. Approximately six demonstration projects were devised. The Macomb/St Clair WDB was chosen to participate. Services were designed initially to service those individuals who participated in buy-out programs offered through the auto industry and were expanded to include incumbent workers. A number of areas deobligated funds and this board agreed to accept any deobligated funds. Therefore the plan increased by \$682,996 to train an additional 190 participants this program year. All funds must be spent by June 30th. Internal procedures will be performed to transfer eligible WIA charges to the CAA budget to close out the program.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY DAVE BRANDT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

V. Jobs, Education & Training (JET) Plus

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'09 Plan

The JET Plus program services customers receiving cash welfare benefits and is a pilot program offered through six (6) Michigan Works Areas. The goal is to increase the number receiving occupational training. There are two components; the community outreach model which targets those individuals who lack a high school diploma or GED, and the campus centered model at Macomb Community College which offers services in a single, integrated environment. Reduction in funds was made in December and March. On May 5th, the Governor issued an executive order in an attempt to balance the State budget, which effectively eliminated the JET Plus program. The contract with Macomb Community College was severed. Staff continues to identify key elements of the JET Plus campus model that could continue by expanding the Michigan Works system customer base to access ESL services and basic skills upgrading.

After review and discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE JET PLUS PROGRAM AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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VI. Recommendation to Approve Michigan Works Service Centers Contract

The three-year contract with the current service provider for case management services is due to expire June 30th. A request for proposal was released to continue case management services resulting with two responses.

Mr. Bierbusse noted that the Macomb/St Clair Employment and Training Agency, the current provider, submitted a proposal with an inflated budget. He recommended negotiating to reduce costs. It was advised to retain this service provider as starting entirely over with a new contractor would require hiring and training new staff, which would bring services to a halt during a time where the centers are seeing record numbers of individuals seeking Michigan Works services.

The second proposer was JVS, who has previously provided services through the JET program and has proven themselves to be a competent and successful organization. Staff recommended contracting with M/SCETA for current services and to contract with JVS for any additional centers.

After review and discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO AWARD THE MACOMB/ST CLAIR EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGENCY A CONTRACT TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES AT THE FIVE MICHIGAN WORKS CENTERS AND TO CONTRACT WITH JVS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CENTERS OPENED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary