

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 18, 2010

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Kovtun
Jennie Tunnell
John Bozymowski
Gary Polulak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Austin
Mike Moran

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bierbusse
Beth Diehl
Debbie Szatkiewski

Mr. Kovtun called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2010 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2010 AS PRESENTED;
SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'10 National Emergency Grant Plan

Mr. Bierbusse announced that the board has expended the initial allocation and requested an additional \$2 million. The State awarded \$786,960 of the \$2 million request which covers the obligation amount for trainees previously enrolled. There will be no further enrollments through NEG.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANT PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Recommendation to Modify PY'09 Dislocated Worker Plan

The NEG program runs in tandem with the dislocated worker program. An additional \$4,261,250 has been received with approximately \$3.5 million obligated for current enrollees. With the remaining \$803,420 it is anticipated that 200 customers will be enrolled by the end of the program year (June 30th) through the various service centers. Mr. Bierbusse noted that to date this program year, more than 2,000 customers are enrolled in classroom training programs.

Displaced customers from auto-related industries who are participating at the Automotive Career Transition Center initially enter the system through the five service centers and are then referred to the ACTC. The Arab Chaldean Council provides English as a Second Language and refers individuals to the service centers for additional services.

After review and discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO MODIFY THE DISLOCATED WORKER PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c. Recommendation to Approve PY'09 Adult Statewide Activities Grant

The Macomb/St Clair MWA was afforded an opportunity to write a special grant request to cover costs of adult programs and to allow an increase of additional customers. The Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board is the sole Michigan Works organization to be awarded an adult statewide activity grant. The allocation is \$2,071,497. The current amount of funds obligated is \$1,129,957 which allows remaining funds to train 246 additional customers.

After review and discussion, **JENNIE TUNNELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'09 ADULT STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES GRANT AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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d. Plant Closure Report

One closure was reported. Masonico LLC in Fraser will be permanently closing the facility in mid-March affecting 175 employees. An orientation was held February 3rd. The company has filed a TAA petition.

Trade certification was received by Key Safety Systems in Sterling Heights and Norgren Automation Solutions - Erie Engineering an Automation Division in Clinton Township. Trade orientations will be scheduled for affected employees. Future auto-related orientations for displaced workers will be conducted at the Board's Automotive Career Transition Center.

IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'10 JET Plan

After suffering a million dollar decrease in JET funding, staff was pleased to report the release of an additional \$849,096 allowing restoration of training activities, increased support services for auto related issues, and reinstatement of nine laid off JET staff. Transportation allowances will be increased to the former rate of \$7 or \$15 depending upon distance traveled for training customers.

After discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO MODIFY THE FY'10 JET PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. MICHIGAN PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE (MPRI)

a. Progress Report for Thumb Area

Statistics were reviewed for the Thumb Area region. To date, 409 parolees have been served through the program, the majority being male. Services provided include transportation, clothing assistance, health services, and housing. For those who have returned to employment, work tools and/or uniforms are provided. Members noted the difficulty in finding employment for this population.

b. Progress Report for Macomb County

A higher number (587) of parolees have been served through the Macomb County MPRI program. Services are similar. If five prisons are closed as indicated by the Governor at the State of the State address, it is anticipated that additional funds will be provided.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Last fall a proposal seeking services for the displaced white collar population was released. Mr. Bierbusse presented a response from Wayne State University, who delayed their submission upon opening of their new site located at the Macomb County Library on Hall Road. The proposal cost is maximized at \$396,711 and will serve a minimum of 350 individuals through September 30th. Participants will be assigned to certified professional job coaches who will perform assessments in order to develop a personal strategic plan, explore new job skills, and conduct workshops for networking, job search, etc. Invitations will be sent to eligible people who have visited the Michigan Works service centers. Thirty-five customers are expected to start the program every two weeks.

After review and discussion, **GARY POLULAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR DISPLACED WHITE COLLAR POPULATION AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Federal Recovery Act dollars are available to address green energy training opportunities. Therefore, the members of the Southeast Michigan - Michigan Works consortium applied through the State Energy Sector Partnership grant by submitting four proposals. Mr. Bierbusse agreed to be the administering agency of any approved programs.

Of the four submitted, two have been approved. The Advanced Energy Storage program is allocated at \$1,676,742 allowing \$79,740 for administrative costs. Sixteen employers are committed along with four

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educational institutions. Wayne State University will offer certificate programs in Advanced Energy Storage; Michigan Technical University will offer an individual graduate level course and a professional development program in Principles of Energy Storage; Macomb Community College in partnership with A&D Technology will provide an Advanced Energy Storage certificate. Primary job placements will be design, development or test engineers and technicians, assemblers, technologists and engineers. The program anticipates serving 620 and placing 593 into unsubsidized employment.

The second project is SEMWAC - Solar with an allocation of \$415,548 to serve 82 individuals. Eleven employers have been identified with training offered through Henry Ford Community College. Mr. Polulak was concerned about the course content and questioned the content of a "basic" program. He wished to investigate further and felt that perhaps Livingston County Michigan Works would be more appropriate to administer the program. The target partners are scheduled to meet and Mr Polulak will be invited to address his concerns.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SEMWAC PROPOSALS AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRETORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO ADJOURN; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary