

**EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2009**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

George Kovtun  
Jennie Tunnell  
John Bozymowski

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dave Brandt  
Gary Polulak  
Ken Austin  
Mike Moran

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Bierbusse  
Linda McLatcher  
Marsha Prose

Mr. Kovtun called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2009 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2009 AS PRESENTED;**  
**SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA)**

**a. Recommendation to Modify PY'09 Incumbent Worker Plan**

The board approved the 2009 Incumbent Worker plan in June when it was written with draft instructions. Since then, staff has been notified of the actual allocation, which is \$124,134 less due to a statewide reduction of \$1.5 million. As previously approved, \$250,000 will be obligated to the Thumb Area MWA for inclusion in their Employers Builder Alliance where companies may participate at \$10 per employee for various training programs. The remaining \$123,401 will be dedicated to administration and the operation of approved contracts for local employers who wish to train employees through one of the two community colleges.

The state is now mandating that participants be registered in the management information system (MIS) requiring much more documentation where previously program outcomes were reported.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE PY'09 INCUMBENT WORKER PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**b. Plant Closure Report**

One closure was reported. Nachi Machining Technology Company in Macomb Township will permanently close the site September 30<sup>th</sup> affecting 55 employees. A worker orientation was held with 49 attending. The company will be consolidating work at this location to plants in Indiana and North Carolina.

Trade certification was received by Paragon Molds Corporation in Fraser. A trade orientation was held where seven employees attended.

**IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)**

**a. Program Update**

Funding for the new fiscal year has been delayed until the State budget is balanced and dollars are appropriated. However, draft instructions identify target populations for services. Cash welfare applicants and recipients will continue to be a priority while non-custodial parents and non-cash recipients are eliminated for services through the JET program; however, they can continue to be served through the WIA and No Worker Left Behind programs. The program will focus on training, community service, and employment.

Ms. Prose noted an increase in JET program training and community service enrollments in 2009. However, employment statistics are lower this year which is in line with the current employment status throughout the State. On the positive side, Ms. Prose noted that employment retention has increased.

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**V. MICHIGAN PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE (MPRI)**

**a. Recommendation to Approve Macomb County Plan**

The Department of Corrections has condensed the categories of services for the MPRI program. AS a result, there are now six categories to comprise the available services for newly released prisoners.

Funds are no longer allocated but must be requested. Macomb County sought and received \$1,103,400 to operate the program which focuses on residential stability, employment readiness, social support, health and behavioral health, and operational support.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY'10 MACOMB COUNTY MPRI PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**b. Recommendation to Approve Thumb Area Plan**

The Thumb area plan is operated similarly to the Macomb plan. However, notification of funds has not yet been received. Staff requested \$824,000 for this initiative.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY'10 THUMB AREA MPRI PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bierbusse announced that the Automotive Career Transition Center in Warren should be open by the end of the month. Furniture is now in place and staff is being trained. JVS will be the primary provider for case management and business consultants while St Clair Shores Adult Education will provide employability and life skills workshops. The UAW Chrysler is providing receptionists and clerks and two members of their staff will participate in a peer-to-peer outreach initiative to laid off Chrysler workers. Customers at the center will be there by invitation only to ensure they are displaced auto workers. The center is located at 9 Mile Road and Dequindre.

**VII. 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