

**MICHIGAN WORKS SERVICE CENTER COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**January 19, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
**Members Present**  
Jennie Tunnell  
William Morelli  
Phil Papes

**Members Absent**  
Patricia Anger

**Others Present:**  
John Bierbusse  
Bob Apczynski

Jennie Tunnell called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

**II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2009 MINUTES**  
**WILLIAM MORELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY PHIL PAPES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE CY'10 MICHIGAN WORKS SYSTEM PLAN**  
The annual Michigan Works system plan informs the State of assurances, certifications and stipulations for programs offered through the one-stop operators and funded through MDELEG. In this case, the Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board is the one-stop operator. Mr. Apczynski noted that the only change to the plan this year is the inclusion of the Automotive Transition Center.

After review and discussion, **PHIL PAPES MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2010 MICHIGAN WORKS SYSTEM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY WILLIAM MORELLI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. PY'09 RE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ALLOCATION**  
Mr. Apczynski announced that the re-employment services allocation would not require any action from the board. The plan serves those receiving unemployment insurance benefits who are in risk of exhausting their benefits and has been extended from June 30<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**V. UPDATE ON CALENDAR YEAR 2009 SERVICE CENTER TRAFFIC**  
The bar graphs reflect that 8,352 individuals visited the Macomb County offices and 1,674 visited the St. Clair County office in December. These are first-time registrants to the Talent Bank. A total of 122,241 visited the offices to register during the 2009 calendar year, a 40% increase over the previous year. The Clinton Township and Roseville offices continue to handle the highest traffic. Mr. Bierbusse informed members that Macomb County has lost more than one quarter of its labor force since the start of the economic downturn.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**  
In an effort to increase services to the displaced white collar workforce, the board has contracted with Connecting 4 Purpose to offer these individuals an 8-hour workshop divided into two 4-hour sessions with the objective of providing an actionable plan to assist in obtaining employment. Notices were sent to eligible individuals. Sessions are scheduled to begin January 27/28 with a goal of providing workshops on a bi-weekly basis.

Another project slated to begin involves Working Habitat, a new job placement portal for unemployed engineers, designers, program managers, analysts, and architects. The initial program focuses specifically on unemployed engineers. The goal is to connect these individuals with companies worldwide who are seeking persons with these skills. The company provides access to 2D and 3D design software allowing individuals to work from their homes. Kelly Services will provide W2 processing and benefit options through the portal.

Oakland County Michigan Works is also contracting with Working Habitat. If successful, it is anticipated that this may stop or slow this workforce from leaving southeast Michigan.

Mr. Bierbusse announced further that he is awaiting a proposal from Wayne State University to operate at the county library on Hall Road a program for white collar unemployed.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne  
Recording Secretary