

MICHIGAN WORKS SERVICE CENTER COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 20, 2009

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

Members Absent
Patricia Anger

Others Present:
John Bierbusse
Bob Apczynski
Colin Miller

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

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18, 2009 MINUTES
WILLIAM MORELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 18, 2009 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY PHIL PAPES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PY'09 DISABILITY NAVIGATOR PLAN
The purpose of the disability program navigator, which was instituted by the State in 2006, is to provide adequate services to the needs of customers with disabilities who are seeking employment. This year the board has been allocated \$60,000 which pays for one full-time and one part-time staff. Mr. Apczynski discussed the goals confirming that the program has been very successful and customers with disabilities have found employment through this initiative.

After review and discussion, **WILLIAM MORELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2009 DISABILITY NAVIGATOR PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY PHIL PAPES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. OPENING OF THE AUTOMOTIVE TRANSITION CENTER
The joint venture, Macomb/St. Clair Automotive Career Transition Center and the UAW-Chrysler National Training Center in Warren, opened October 12th and provides 6 classrooms and office space to house 37 staff. Since this location is intended to service displaced auto workers and suppliers, customers will be served through invitation only.

Customers will be assessed and provided with a myriad of services including workshops, job clubs, retraining opportunities, etc. A peer-to-peer outreach system has been established where a number of laid off Chrysler employees will be contacting other displaced Chrysler employees to encourage them to visit the center and partake in available services. Other companies will be providing peer-to-peer employees as the center expands.

The establishment of the center assisted the State in obtaining a National Emergency Grant for southeast Michigan. An open house is in the planning stage.

V. REPORT ON SERVICE CENTER WORKSHOPS
VI. NEW SERVICE CENTER CATALOG

There are currently 33 workshops available among the five Michigan Works service centers including workshops that address the requirements of the National Career Readiness Certificate program. These workshops are free to the public upon registration on the Michigan

Talent Bank. All workshops will be in place by November 5th.

Members previewed the 2009/2010 catalog of services.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Bierbusse noted that there was a slight decline in center visitation at the end of the summer; however, the number of customers is increasing once again.

He reported further that a Request for Proposal was released soliciting services for displaced white collar individuals and a recommendation will be forthcoming through the Education & Adult Programs committee. However, the response addressed only designers and engineers by providing on-line training and a 2-day workshop.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary