

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 17, 2008

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Bozymowski
Gary Polulak

MEMBERS ABSENT

George Kovtun
Mike Moran
Jennie Tunnell

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bierbusse
Linda McLatcher
Marsha Prose

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

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2008 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

a. Informational Items

i. Plant Closures

Ms. McLatcher announced layoffs at Magna Closures in Shelby Township affecting 50 employees. Layoffs were caused by reduction in just in time supplies used by Chrysler Corporation. An orientation was held February 28th where 33 employees attended.

Liturgical Publications in Sterling Heights is closing and operations will be moved to Cleveland. Some 30 employees are affected, however, some will be offered transfers. An orientation was held April 4th with 12 employees in attendance.

Value City stores in Roseville and Warren are closing. More than 160 employees will be affected. Orientations were held April 4th at both stores where 21 attended in Roseville and 19 attended in Warren.

St. John Health Systems is in the process of a mass layoff of their workforce. Staff is awaiting final determination of actual numbers affected.

The Chrysler-Sterling Heights Assembly Plant is transitioning their Information Technology Infrastructure group to a new service provider who may offer employment opportunities to those 92 affected. Action is expected to begin in late May and finish by June 30th. Employees do not have bumping rights nor are they represented by a union.

Trade certifications were received by TI Automotive in Marysville, Chrysler Corporation Jefferson North Assembly Plant, and Saint-Gobain Sekurit in Shelby Township.

The report was accepted and filed.

IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)

a. Recommendation to Approve FY'08 No Worker Left Behind Training Allocation

Ms. Prose reported additional resources dedicated to training services within the JET program. The No Worker Left Behind initiative provides dollars for worker training in a unified workforce development strategy to enable individuals in acquiring necessary skills. A combination of TANF and State GF/GP funds are being distributed statewide. Macomb/St. Clair will receive \$75,299 in TANF funds and \$84,603 in State GF/GP funds for a total of \$159,902. The allocation will be spent on vocational training, basic skills upgrading, GED preparation, English-as-a-second-language program, or on-the-job training.

The statewide average of JET customers enrolled in training is 6%; locally Macomb/St Clair has 10% enrolled. Since the inception of the No Worker Left Behind initiative, we have enrolled more customers in training than any other area.

GARY POLULAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY'08 JET NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND TRAINING ALLOCATION PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS

a. Recommendation to Approve PY'07 Plan

The State of Michigan received \$3 million to operate a Career Advancement Account program. As an initiative fostered by the Bush administration as a possible replacement for the Workforce Investment Act, the State applied and received monies for a demonstration grant to address the needs of the auto industry. The Macomb/St Clair WDB is one of ten MWAs to receive funds. These dollars will retrain those auto workers who have lost their jobs or taken early buyouts. Staff is currently working with Chrysler Corporation and Ford Motor Company to obtain lists of those Macomb and St. Clair county residents who may be eligible to alert them of the availability of training. The program has not yet begun, but a plan was prepared reflecting CAA dollars amounting to \$232,245 with matching WIA funds of same. Because CAA funding will expire at the end of 2008, the State has requested an extension. Local cost per customer will be capped at \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000 in a maximum 2-year period. The total budget is \$452,878.

GARY POLULAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'07 CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNTS PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Recommendation to Modify PY'07 Dislocated Worker Plan

The previous increase in this program came as a direct result of the State's distribution of excess carry-in from other MWAs. However, a correction was made resulting in a local decrease of \$43,540 which was removed from the classroom training line item. Mr. Bierbusse warned members to expect an increase of funds within the next month as the State's administrative board is expected to release an additional \$390,000 for this area.

Mr. Bierbusse informed the committee to expect a very large increase in WIA funding for the upcoming program year beginning in July. The State of Michigan has received a 28.17% increase of funds for adults; a 43.71% increase for dislocated workers; and 24.05% increase for youth.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE PY'07 DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Marsha Prose announced the Open House event Friday, May 2nd from 11am to 2pm at the new Warren Office site located on Van Dyke across from the M-TEC center.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary