

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 15, 2008

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Bozymowski
Mike Moran

MEMBERS ABSENT

George Kovtun
Gary Polulak
Jennie Tunnell

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bierbusse
Linda McLatcher
Marsha Prose

Mr. Bozymowski called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2008 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MIKE MORAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2008 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

a. Recommendation to Approve PY'08 Adult Plan

As advised last month, the WIA programs will be experiencing a significant increase in funding. The adult program is receiving \$4,337,179 for the new year. Since the board is authorized to transfer funds between adult and dislocated worker programs, it was recommended that an additional \$2,250,000 of dislocated worker monies be moved to the adult program in order to provide training services for a higher number of adult customers who will be eligible due to the *No Worker Left Behind* initiative. After calculating for estimated carry-in next year and the cost of administering the program, there remains \$6,464,795 available to train customers in the new year beginning July 1st.

Annually the director prepares a plan, which was reviewed, for the number of customers within the five local service centers. A percentage by centers mirrors activities broken down by each quarter. While there is an obvious need to increase activity levels, the committee was cautioned that as quickly as allocations increase, they can also decrease the following year. Therefore, a push to service a high number of customers is planned for the start of the program year in order to allow for payment of obligations prior to the close of the program year. It is anticipated that the adult program will service 1,345 customers by year end.

After review and discussion, **MIKE MORAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'08 WIA ADULT PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Recommendation to Approve PY'08 Dislocated Worker Plan

The dislocated worker program resources are hugely increased for the 2008 program year. There is \$8,972,777 appropriated locally. Therefore, \$2,250,000 will be transferred to the adult program and \$162,960 is estimated for carry-in to next year. With \$448,639 reserved for administration of the program, there remains \$6,437,098 for training services.

**Education & Adult Programs Committee
May 15, 2008**

As previously cautioned, the push to provide services will be strong at the beginning of the program year July 1st. Experience has shown that the length and costs of training programs for the dislocated worker population is approximately \$700 higher than the adult population. The number of customers anticipated for training through this program is 1,040.

After review and discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'08 WIA DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY MIKE MORAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**c. Informational Items
i. Plant Closures**

The Chrysler-Sterling Heights Assembly Plant is transitioning their Information Technology Infrastructure group to a new service provider who will offer employment opportunities to those 92 affected. Employees do not have bumping rights nor are they represented by a union. A worker orientation was held May 13th with 20 employees in attendance.

Staff continues to work closely with military personnel due to the BRAC closure of the Army Garrison on Selfridge Air National Guard Base. A worker orientation was initially held on base upon announcement of closure. Affected are 90 employees within both the Garrison and a number of individuals attached to the 127th Air Wing. With the closure date approaching, staff will return to conduct another orientation May 19th and 20th.

Trade certification was received by Chrysler Corporation Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit. Staff was invited to attend worker orientations in April and again in May since this action affects employees who reside in Macomb or St Clair County.

Monitors from the US Department of Labor reviewed the trade program operated by Macomb/St Clair Board staff last week and made good comments. Results will be shared with the board upon receipt.

The report was accepted and filed.

IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'08 Macomb County Supportive Services Grant

Ms. Prose reported receipt of additional resources from the Macomb County Department of Human Services which are dedicated to employment-related support services within the JET program. The initial transfer of funds from Macomb DHS was \$25,000. However, an additional \$162,000 is being released. There is now \$187,000 available to provide in-house babysitting services, auto-related expenses, auto purchases and public transportation. Funds must be expended by August 30th.

MIKE MORAN MOVED TO MODIFY THE FY'08 JET MACOMB COUNTY EMPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JOHN BOZYMOWSKI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Education & Adult Programs Committee
May 15, 2008**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 19, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary