

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 21, 2008

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Kovtun
Jennie Tunnell
John Bozymowski
Gary Polulak

MEMBERS ABSENT

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 JANUARY 17, 2008 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2008 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

a. Recommendation to Modify PY'07 Dislocated Worker Plan

Staff previously petitioned for additional dislocated worker funds but did not expect to receive due to federal recissions of State dollars. However, the petition was successful and an additional \$296,000 was received and incorporated into the PY'07 plan. None of these funds will be used for administration; all will be incorporated into the program allowing for training of an additional 94 individuals.

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 JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Informational Items

i. Plant Closures

Ms. McLatcher announced mass layoffs at Faurecia - at both the Merrill Road location and the Sims Road location in Sterling Heights. Worker orientations have been scheduled for the end of February and early March. Staff was also notified by WARN that Chrysler Corporation will suspend certain operations in mid-March affecting 1,137 union hourly employees and 9 union salary employees. Locals affected are 1700, 412, and 889. Staff made presentation to local employees explaining available Michigan Works services and trade program services. Meetings with employees are being coordinated with individual plant location.

ii. Request for Additional Dislocated Worker Funds

With the success of the previous request, Mr. Bierbusse reported that he has asked the State for another \$384,000 in dislocated worker funds to provide services for those who are affected by the latest round of closures and layoffs. He has been notified that the request is on "hold".

IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'08 Plan

Ms. Prose reported that the Department of Human Services was appropriated general fund/general purpose monies for the 2008 fiscal year which is specifically earmarked for expansion of the JET program. Through an interagency agreement, the DHS has transferred \$6,848,100 to the Department of Labor & Economic Growth for local distribution. The Macomb/St Clair WDB will receive \$359,770 bringing the GF/GP portion total to \$1,245,298. The grand total for the entire JET budget is now \$5,191,559.

GARY POLULAK MOVED TO MODIFY THE FY'08 JET PROGRAM 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 TANF Supportive Services Plan

Since Michigan Works agencies and local Department of Human Services are allowed to establish agreements providing additional TANF funds for employment-related services, the Macomb County DHS has agreed to transfer \$25,000 of support service funds to the Macomb/St Clair WDB.

These funds will be primarily used to provide child care services to those eligible dependents who participate in JET programs at the Macomb County Michigan Works service centers. Funds may also be used for auto-related services.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY'08 JET PROGRAM SUPPORT SERVICES PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GARY POLULAK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. McLatcher informed the committee of a partnership between Ford Motor Company and the State of Michigan to conduct throughout the State in-plant *Job Connection* hiring events for those affected by the recent employee buyouts. Efforts are designed to provide current hourly employees with information regarding job opportunities existing outside of Ford, as well as providing the necessary resources for job search techniques. Local plants that have already conducted events include the Romeo Engine plant and the Van Dyke Transmission plant. Upcoming events are scheduled for the Utica Plant and Sterling Axle Plant. Staff has been available to present Michigan Works services while also working with other Michigan Works Agencies. A cross-section of companies who may be able to use skilled employees also attend the events.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary