

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 21, 2007

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Kovtun
John Bozymowski
Jennie Tunnell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Moran
Gary Polulak

OTHERS PRESENT

Linda McLatcher
Bernice Kerner
Patty Madigan

Mr. Kovtun called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2007 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY17, 2007 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

The agenda was revised to add modifications to both 2006 dislocated worker and the adult plan.

a. PY'06 Dislocated Worker Plan Modification

Ms. McLatcher reported that due to a deobligation of another MWA, the State awarded additional funds to this agency.

Funds totaling \$781 were incorporated into the PY'06 dislocated worker plan and must be spent by June 30th. All monies are dedicated to program services.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE PY'06 DISLOCATED WORKER PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. PY'06 Adult Program Plan Modification

The State awarded an additional \$950 of deobligated funds which were incorporated into the adult program plan to be spent by June 30th. Funds will be dedicated to program services.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE PY'06 WIA ADULT PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Informational Items

i. Plant Closures

Members reviewed closures of four businesses. Guardian Automotive, located in Roseville, will be closing the facility on or before January 1, 2008 affecting approximately 80 employees. Layoffs may begin as early as July. A rapid response meeting will be conducted in the near future.

Bright Horizons Family Solutions is a provider of employer-sponsored childcare, early education and work/life solutions operating more than 600 centers throughout the world. A WARN notice was issued indicating closure of five UAW-Ford centers, which will impact 344 employees. Locally, the Sterling Heights closure will affect 50 employees. A worker orientation was held June 13th with 46 in attendance.

Tarpon Industries in Marysville laid off 58 employees June 1st. No WARN notice was filed and the company maintains that the layoff is temporary; however no return date has been provided. The State's rapid response unit will stay in contact with the company.

St. Gobain Sekurit of Shelby Township manufactures *added value windshields* for General Motors but will be laying off 76 employees beginning August 6th. A worker orientation is scheduled for June 21st.

ii. BRAC Update

Staff continues to meet with the military stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base regarding impending closures. The latest closure date remains September 2008 for the Army Garrison and February 2009 for the 927th Air Force Wing. These dates remain flexible. Approximately 500 civilian and 800 military personnel will be affected.

Ms. McLatcher informed members that Congress has recently released funds for the renovations needed at the TACOM facility in Warren.

Pre-retirement planning seminars were held June 4th and 5th, with individual sessions held June 6th and 7th. Another seminar was held June 18th and 19th with individual sessions held June 20th and 21st.

Ms. McLatcher described a new software package that she and military personnel reviewed for consideration to purchase through the current planning grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The software is an internet-based tool which includes an economic forecaster, career pathways, educational analyst, economic impact and geographic information systems (GIS) data. Initial purchase price is \$13,000 for 10 users with a \$9,750 annual renewal fee. It is currently being used by both the SEMCA and the Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Michigan Works agencies. Members asked for a future demonstration of the software.

Consultants *Public Policy Associates* continues to work on areas of environmental scans of the regional economy; impact of closures; needs of displaced individuals; and goals, objectives and strategies to transition displaced worker into training or employment. A final report is due June 29th. A presentation will be made to the full board at the next general meeting.

IV. TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE (TAA)

a. Recommendation to Modify FY'07 Plan

The Trade Adjustment Assistance program serves those individuals who have lost their employment due to foreign competition. Certification is made by the U.S. Department of Labor.

An additional \$331,292 was received and incorporated into the budget. Funds will be used for classroom training. The budget now totals \$1,248,432.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO MODIFY THE FY'07 TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. MICHIGAN OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
a. Recommendation to Approve PY'07 Plan

The program has experienced a name change replacing the former "senior" with "Michigan Older American" title. This program services individuals 55 years of age and older, with preference given to those 65 years and older who have barriers to employment including disability; limited English; low literacy skills, low employment prospects; homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Also taken into consideration are those residing in rural areas and/or are veterans.

Participants are placed in community service assignments with non-profit host agencies. Host agencies change every six (6) months to provide new employment skills. The goal is to enter unsubsidized employment.

The plan provides 76 positions for 15 hours per week at the minimum wage of \$7.15 per hour. Ms. Kerner noted the plan is written with a budget of \$471,574; however, an additional \$78,031 is anticipated to reach full funding level as the allocation was based on the previous 9-month allocation versus 12 months. Hours of participation will increase from 15 to 20. A modification will be presented upon receipt of funds.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'07 MICHIGAN OLDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. MICHIGAN PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE

a. Recommendation to Approve FY'08 Plan: Macomb County

Ms. Madigan presented the MPRI plans. The Macomb County plan has increased from \$625,000 to \$942,185. The State now allows an average of \$1600 per parolee for services. Macomb County is anticipating servicing 438 parolees. An additional \$150,000 was also included for plan management.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MPRI MACOMB COUNTY 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 FY'08 Plan: St. Clair/Thumb Area

The St. Clair/Thumb area plan has increased from \$625,000 to \$643,080 and expects to service 67 parolees. Ms. Madigan noted that this plan serves not only St. Clair County, but also Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, and Lapeer.

Draft plans were due June 1st; it is anticipated that approval will be given July 1st.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MPRI ST CLAIR/THUMB AREA PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. WORK FIRST

a. Funding Adjustments for FY'07

As a result of the State's budget deficit, the Legislature identified \$10 million of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to be recaptured from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). Locally, the board's Work First program was reduced by \$312,611. DLEG has since replaced part of this funding through Workforce Investment Act

statewide activities dollars. Therefore, the current budget has increased from \$4,531,233 to \$4,765,621.

JENNIE TUNNELL MOVED TO MODIFY THE FY'07 WORK FIRST PROGRAM PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 16, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary