

EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 17, 2007

I. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Kovtun
John Bozymowski

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Moran
Gary Polulak
Jennie Tunnell

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bierbusse
Marsha Prose
Linda McLatcher

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

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 19, 2007 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2007 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY GEORGE KOVTUN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

a. Recommendation to Approve PY'07 WIA Dislocated Worker Plan

The 2007 allocation has been received. Mr. Bierbusse noted that it is higher than the initial allocation last year by \$750,000. Carry-in is \$243,800, bringing the total budget for 2007 to \$5,675,858. Of that, seven percent will be directed to the administrative cost pool with the remaining \$5,295,614 utilized for direct program services.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'07 DISLOCATED WORKER PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GEORGE KOVTUN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Recommendation to Approve PY'07 WIA Adult Plan

The 2007 allocation for the adult program has been received. Mr. Bierbusse noted that it is also higher than the initial allocation last year by \$88,000. Carry-in equals \$183,800, bringing the total budget for 2007 to \$3,332,975. Of that, seven percent will be directed to the administrative cost pool with the remaining \$3,112,533 utilized for direct program services.

JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE PY'07 WIA ADULT PLAN AS PRESENTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GEORGE KOVTUN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Recommendation to Approve Incumbent Worker Proposal

A proposal for \$11,760 of incumbent worker funding was received from Prestige Engineering who requests funds to train their staff in-house rather than through the community college. As a result, costs are lower to train 21 of their employees in CATIA V5.

After discussion, **JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE INCUMBENT WORKER FUNDING FOR PRESTIGE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT REQUESTED AND TO FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL APPROVAL; SUPPORT BY GEORGE KOVTUN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**d. Informational Items
i. Plant Closures**

Members reviewed layoffs of one business, International Automotive Components located in Warren. The third shift will be eliminated affecting 40 employees. A worker orientation is scheduled for June 20.

Linda McLatcher discussed the trade certification process describing the myriad of services available to affected employees who learn of these services at worker orientations. Areas addressed include unemployment benefits, career and employment counseling, occupational classroom training, on-the-job training, job relocation, job search assistance, health coverage tax credits, trade readjustment allowances, and alternative trade adjustment assistance. Members reviewed a flyer that is given to employees.

Currently affected companies include Collins & Aikman in Port Huron; Cadence Innovation of Fraser; Pine River Plastics in St. Clair; Elliss Technologies of Sterling Heights, Tool Dex of Warren, and Distel Tool & Machine Company in Warren.

ii. BRAC Update

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

A job fair was held on the base May 4th and 5th with approximately 300 people and 50 employers attending .

Pre-retirement planning seminars are planned for June 4 and 5, with individual sessions held June 6 and 7. Another seminar will be held June 18 and 19 with individual sessions to be held June 20 and 21. Consultants *Public Policy Associates* will continue to work on areas of environmental scans of the regional economy; impact of closures; needs of displaced individuals; and will develop goals, objectives and strategies to transition displaced worker into training or employment.

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 \$367,000 was received and incorporated into the plan. A one-time only carry-in is allowed this year due to receipt by the State of an additional \$4 million last September. Funds will be used for classroom training. The budget now totals \$946,681. Mr. Bierbusse advised members that he will aggressively pursue additional funds.

After review and discussion, **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 GEORGE KOVTUN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

V. WORK FIRST

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a. Funding Adjustments for FY'07

As a result of the State's budget deficit, the Legislature has 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 will be reduced by \$312,611. DLEG intends to replace this funding through other sources if approval is granted by State officials. Therefore, the current budget has decreased from \$4,843,844 to \$4,531,233.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 21, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne
Recording Secretary