

**EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**October 18, 2007**

**I. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

George Kovtun  
John Bozymowski  
Jennie Tunnell

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Moran  
Gary Polulak

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Bierbusse  
Linda McLatcher  
Marsha Prose

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

**II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 EDUCATION & ADULT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**JOHN BOZYMOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 AS PRESENTED; SUPPORT BY JENNIE TUNNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**III. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT**

**a. Recommendation to Approve Incumbent Worker Proposals**

Mr. Bierbusse reported that he had anticipated receipt of proposals from St Clair County Community College; however, they failed to submit. Therefore, there were no incumbent worker proposals for consideration.

**b. Informational Items**

**i. Report on PY'06 Occupational Training Enrollments**

The committee reviewed a handout reflecting WIA enrollments for the past year along with a historical perspective of training comparisons from years since 2002. Many training programs have remained consistent. Committee members noticed an increase in the health industry including pharmacy technicians, medical records and health information technicians, nurse aides, orderlies and medical assistants/patient care technicians. Another large increase was in truck driver training and graphic designers. Large declines were seen in training of constructions and extraction occupations.

**ii. Plant Closures**

Ms. McLatcher announced closures for Cambridge Integrated Services Group in Warren; JDC Logistics in Warren; and TI Automotive in Warren.

Cambridge Integrated Services Group is laying off 23 people in their finance department as this services is being outsourced to India. A worker orientation will be scheduled. Ms. McLatcher informed the committee that these workers will not be eligible for trade certification as that particular certification only affects production industries rather than service industries.

JDC Logistics is terminating all 14 employees and closing on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The company is currently in receivership and while employees are no longer working, they are being paid until December 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff is in the process of attempting to locate names and address of affected employees in order to schedule an orientation.

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TI Automotive will close by the end of this year beginning permanent layoffs in early December affecting 59 individuals. A rapid response meeting is being arranged.

Trade certifications were made to Lear Corporation in Detroit and TI Automotive in Chesterfield Township.

An orientation for Lear employees will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> where it is anticipated that 66 Macomb/St. Clair employees will attend. An orientation for 18 employees of TI Automotive is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Hill Park.

**IV. JOBS, EDUCATION & TRAINING (JET)**

**a. Report on FY'07 Customer Employment**

Employment statistics for those participating in the JET program were reviewed. A total of 1266 (69%) Macomb County participants were hired in various occupations and 595 (31%) of St. Clair County participants. The vast majority are female and just less than half have completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The average wage in Macomb County at 90 days is \$8.38 per hour and \$8.28 for St. Clair County participants.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Due to the large number of company closures within the past fiscal year, staff has applied to the State of Michigan for an additional \$970,000 to serve 333 dislocated workers. Referrals from the unemployment insurance agency are anticipated at 730 of which 175 are expected to request training funds. All monies will be dedicated to training with none going to administration of the program and will be expended by June 30, 2008. Mr. Bierbusse stressed the need to apply for funds quickly as the *No Worker Left Behind* initiative will rapidly expend funds.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2007. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carne  
Recording Secretary