

Genesee/Shiawassee MICHIGAN WORKS!™

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Friday August 26, 2011

Broome Center

8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Jeff Deason, Lewis Driskell, Greg Eason, Frank Ervin, Robert Hardy, Justin Horvath, Suzanne Howell, Amer Iqbal, Kevin Keane, Melinda Keway, Rene McMann, Mark Miller, Sandi Mose, Ruth Person, Vera Perry, Clarence Pierce, Jerry Ragsdale, Kimberly Raup, Amy Roddy, Elisabeth Saab, Donald Stevens, Mary Sumpter, Verona Terry, Susan Theakston and Tony Trischler.

ABSENT: Gary Isham, Norwood Jewell (excused) and Joe Perez.

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Booker, Sharon Bowen, Helen Brown, Sherry Goble, James Latham, Wendy Paxton and Lanny Whetstone.

GUEST PRESENT: Elliot Forsyth

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Kevin Keane called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Kevin Keane called for a motion to amend the agenda to move up the DHS update. Donald Stevens moved to amend the agenda as requested. Jerry Ragsdale supported the motion. Kevin Keane called for a vote.

All present voted AYE
MOTION PASSED

II. DHS Update- Sandi Mose: The termination of the FIP cash assistance is estimated to affect 1,578 Genesee County residents. The DHS case workers will make contact with each individual by phone and will offer an office appointment. Three months of rental assistance will also be available. The FIP clothing allowance for school age children will still be available this year. DHS staff is working to ensure each individual is personally notified.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Consider Approval of consent agenda:
- a) WDB Minutes of June 17, 2011
 - b) Board Policy 10-11, Change 1

Jerry Ragsdale moved to accept the consent agenda. Elisabeth Saab supported the motion. Kevin Keane called for a vote.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

V. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Workforce Development Agency, State of Michigan, Elliot Forsyth
Vice President & COO for Talent Enhancement, MEDC
- B. WDB Strategic Plan Overview, René McMann, Chair – Strategic Planning
Subcommittee
- C. City of Flint Smith Village Initiative: Charles Young
Developer, Smith Village Construction Services, LLC

VI. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

Financial Report presented by James Latham, CFO.

Vera Perry moved to accept the Financial Report. Mary Sumpter supported the motion. Kevin Keane called for discussion.

Kevin Keane called for a vote.

All present voted **AYE**.

MOTION PASSED

VII. PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:

MRS: Suzanne Howell – We are retraining all counselors in placement and motivational counseling. We are also working with the Chamber of Commerce and have partnered with twelve (12) employers within the community resulting in increased placements.

EAG: Fred Stanley- The Perkins Grant has been finalized and is the same as last year. The Tech Prep Grant has been reduced this year and will not be funded next year. The GASC Technology Center has a new principal, Christopher James.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

President's Update: Alicia Booker:

- 34 students from Beecher High School completed the LEAD (Leadership, Employment and Development Academy) at the GASC Technology Center this summer. They had an academic component where they studied forensic science and a homeland security component. Their experience also included site visits and a visit with Representative Hammel at the State Capitol.
- Our JAG Initiative is being implemented at Northwestern and Northern High Schools as a dropout prevention initiative.
- We attended the Talent Development Summit July 15th hosted by MEDC. We will share the final outcomes once they are received.

Chair's Update: Kevin Keane


- The Chair thanked everyone for their dedication and willingness to serve.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2011.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

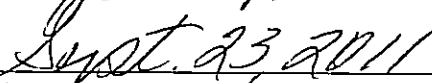
Meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Kevin Keane, Chair

Sherry Goble, Recorder



Mary Sumpter, Secretary



Date