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**Workforce Development Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Broome Center  
4119 N. Saginaw Street  
Flint, MI 48505  
Friday, July 25, 2008  
8:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** William Churchill, Jr., Marlene Nicol, Lewis Driskell, Erik Eastman, Cheryl Gifford, Longino Gonzales, Suzanne Howell, Kevin J. Keane, Jimmy King, Norwood Jewell, Willie W. Middlebrooks, Renita Mikolajczyk, David Miller, Clarence Pierce, Vera Perry, Jerry Ragsdale, C. Frederick Robinson, Amy Roddy, Mary Sumpter, Elisabeth Saab, Rene McMann, Susan Theakston.

**ABSENT:** Margaret Andrews (excused) Jeff Deason (excused) Robert Hardy (excused), Alan Hartter (excused) Lawrence Moon (excused), Cunesha Sanders (excused)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alicia Booker, Craig Coney, Sherry Adair-Goble, Helen Brown, Richard Curtis, Carol Piesko, Shirley Eichenberg Emma Noël.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Peter Goodstein

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jimmy King called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

There were no additions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Jerry Ragsdale moved to accept the minutes of June 27, 2008 as written. Mary Sumpter seconded the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. There was none. Call for a vote on the motion to accept the June 27, 2008 minutes as written.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

- A. **EAG:** No update due to Intermediate School District adopting a 4 day work week.
- B. **MDLEG Rehabilitation Services:** Suzanne Howell thanked Craig and Alicia for attending MRS Regional Meeting. MRS is moving ahead with renovation plans at the one stop center. Target date is the end of fiscal year.

- C. **Department of Human Services:** Mr. Gonzales stated that DHS has implemented a major internal reorganization. They are separating the child welfare division from the DHS. The staff will undergo additional training and also a reduction in caseload.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. **Fiscal:** Shirley Eichenberg presented an amended report from the June 25, 2008 Board meeting. She also shared the agency's current financial report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**President's Update:**

- We are working to further reduce the \$514,000 in disallowed costs.
- We hope to use the rent undercharges identified by George Martini as stand in costs for any remaining disallowance.
- The disallowance goes back to the year 2000 and includes cost from Amistad Academy. This program has been discontinued to prevent future problems.
- We have partnered with the Greater Flint Health Coalition and the DLEG on a 2 million dollar grant to assist dislocated workers in our area with training in the healthcare field.
- We are working to further reduce staff and reduce our overall healthcare costs.
- We are looking to fill our Human Resource Manager position.
- We are in the process of identifying our subcommittees based on responses we received
- We are supporting the Green Jobs Initiative announced by the Governor and are looking at ways to identify funding opportunities for jobs in this emerging industry.


**Chair's Update:**

Jimmy King thanked everyone for attending. He also thanked Alicia Booker, George Martini and Margaret McAvoy for their help.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Lewis Driskell and seconded by Erik Eastman.

**MOTION PASSED**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 am

  
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Kevin J. Keane, Secretary

Date: 8/22/08

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