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Workforce Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Broome Center
4119 N. Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48505
Friday, September 26, 2008
8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Lewis Driskell, Jeff Deason, Erik Eastman, Cheryl Gifford, Nancy Reinke, Robert Hardy, Don Dees, Norwood Jewell, Kevin J. Keane, Jimmy King, Willie W. Middlebrooks, Renita Mikolajczyk, David Miller, Lawrence Moon, Vera Perry, Clarence Pierce, Jerry Ragsdale, Rene McMann, Mary Sumpter, Elisabeth Saab, Cunesha Sanders, Susan Theakston.

ABSENT: Ed Donovan, C. Frederick Robinson, Amy Roddy (excused), William Churchill (excused).

STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Booker, Craig Coney, Sherry Adair-Goble, Helen Brown, Richard Curtis, Ashley Latchison Milton, Sharon Bowen, Emma Noel, Shirley Eichenberg.

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:

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion to amend the agenda. David Miller moved to remove the Schaefer Office Source contract from the agenda at this time. Vera Perry supported the motion.

All present voted Aye.

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2008 meeting. David Miller moved to accept the minutes as written. Mary Sumpter supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for corrections or amendments. No corrections or amendments were noted.

Call for a vote on the motion to accept the August 22, 2008 minutes as written.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

ACTION ITEMS:

I. Recommendations for JET Allocations for Program year 2008-2009.

Supportive Services Unit
Orientation/Assessment/Case Management
Core Services Unit
Non-Core Services Unit
Data Entry Unit
Training Clearinghouse
Triage Unit
Placement Unit

Alicia explained the breakdown of the JET Allocations. Erik Eastman questioned the rating process. Alicia Booker explained that all proposals are rated externally in addition to the JET Coordinators and Department of Human Services (DHS).

Vera Perry moved to accept the JET Allocations for Program Year 2008-2009. Lawrence Moon supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. There was no discussion.

Chair Jimmy King called for a roll call vote.

Vera Perry abstained due to possible conflict with the Urban League.

Cheryl Gifford abstained due to possible conflict with Baker College.

Roll Call

20 yes 2 abstentions

MOTION PASSED.

II. Recommendation for Legal Services for Program Year 2008-2009:

Alicia Booker explained that we received two proposals in response to this request for proposals. We received one that has an appearance of a conflict of interest. Lawrence Moon expressed some concerns. It is requested that we try to obtain additional proposals.

Vera Perry moved to retain Peter Goodstein as counsel representation during the current ongoing litigation.

Jerry Ragsdale supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Jerry Ragsdale concurred with the concerns. Mary Sumpter questioned the time required to obtain additional proposals. Lawrence Moon questioned the necessity of a contract. We will not have a contract, but will retain for current litigation.

Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted Aye.

MOTION PASSED.

III. Approval to demolish house at 1529 Begole:

Lawrence Moon moved to demolish the house at 1529 Begole.

Erik Eastman supported the motion.

Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Alicia Booker explained the acquisition of the property, the legal violation and the 3 quotes obtained

Chair Jimmy King called for a vote.

All present voted Aye.
MOTION PASSED.

BUDGET UPDATE:

- I. Shirley Eichenberg presented the Career Alliance budget update.

AGENCY UPDATES:

- A. **EAG:** Chair Jimmy King introduced Larry Ford as the EAG representative.
- B. **MDLEG Rehabilitation Services:** Don Dees stated that MRS continues to partner with DHS to serve JET participants. MRS will be hiring 2 counselors with Masters Degrees.
- C. **Department of Human Services:** Nancy Reinke -No Update.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

President's Update:

- We are in the process of disposing of our fleet of vehicles and purchasing one truck.
- The Schmalz Tool & Die partnership targets needs of small business. At the last meeting 20 of the 30 attendees were from manufacturing.
- The Board certification process is ongoing.
- We are working to move into the future with Bio-Fuels and Green Jobs training.
- We are working on an Economic Development partnership with the Mott Foundation.
- We have closed out the Youthbuild Program.
- We have started the 2008 Single Audit. November is the target for completion.
- We will have State Auditors back in October for Monitoring.
- We are extending our search range beyond the local area in order to fill the HR Director Position.
- We have selected a candidate for Workforce Training to support our clients and service providers.

Chair's Update:


Jimmy King thanked the CAI staff for their high level of reporting information. He commended Alicia Booker for the fine job she is doing. The next meeting will be October 24, 2008.

Chair Jimmy King opened the floor for comments.

Cunesha Sanders has been promoted to the Detroit area Job Corps. She will be replaced by Aladin Rodrigues. In addition, Job Corps corporate office for Flint/Genesee and Detroit areas will be moving to the Career Alliance MI Works building.

Chair Jimmy King called for a motion to adjourn.
Lawrence Moon moved to adjourn the meeting. David Miller supported the motion.
All present voted AYE.
MOTION PASSED
ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 am



Kevin J. Keane, Secretary

Date: October 24, 2008

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