

# Genesee/Shiawassee MICHIGAN ™

Workforce Development Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Broome Center  
4119 N. Saginaw Street  
Flint, MI 48505  
Friday, October 24, 2008  
8:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Ed Donovan, Lewis Driskell, Nancy Reinke, Robert Hardy, Don Dees, Norwood Jewell, Kevin J. Keane, Jimmy King, David Miller, Lawrence Moon, Vera Perry, Clarence Pierce, Jerry Ragsdale, C. Frederick Robinson, Amy Roddy, Rene McMann, Mary Sumpter, Elisabeth Saab, Verona Terry, Susan Theakston.

**ABSENT:** Jeff Deason (excused), Erik Eastman (excused), Cheryl Gifford (excused), Willie Middlebrooks, Renita Mikolajczyk, William Churchill (excused).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alicia Booker, Craig Coney, Sherry Adair-Goble, Helen Brown, Richard Curtis, Sharon Bowen, Emma Noel, Shirley Eichenberg, Carol Piesko, Lanny Whetstone.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Attorney Peter Goodstein.

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Jimmy King called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Chair Jimmy King recognized Chris Rosborough and Maggie Sales from the Department of Labor & Economic Growth and Aladdin Rodrigues, the new Director of the Flint/Genesee Job Corps attending the meeting.

## **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 and to add item B2- the Jet Campus Model Recommendations. Jerry Ragsdale 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 September 26, 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 September 26, 2008 minutes as written.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- I. Recommendations for JET Plus Allocations for Program year 2008-2009.
  - Community Outreach Model
  - Campus Model

Vera Perry moved to accept the JET Plus Allocations. Jerry Ragsdale supported the motion. Vera Perry deferred to Craig Coney for explanation of the recommendations. Nancy Reinke questioned how individuals will be referred. Craig Coney explained they will be referred from DHS.

All funds are limited to Genesee County. We were one of the seven counties identified to serve this population.

Chair Jimmy King called for a vote to accept the JET Plus Allocations.

All present voted AYE.

**MOTION PASSED.**

- II. Recommendations for the Michigan Regional Skills Alliance (MiRSA) Allocations for 2008-2009.

David Miller moved to accept the recommendations. Robert Hardy supported the motion. Chair Jimmy King called for discussion. Amy Roddy asked how many participants will be served by the funds. Alicia Booker responded that it will serve thirty individuals. She also stated that the full allocation of \$74, 400 will be available for services in Shiawassee County.

Chair Jimmy King called for a vote to accept the MiRSA recommendations.

All present voted AYE.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

- I. Shirley Eichenberg presented the Career Alliance budget update. Jerry Ragsdale moved to accept the budget. Amy Roddy supported the motion.

All present voted AYE.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**AGENCY UPDATES:**

- A. **EAG:** No update.
- B. **MDLEG Rehabilitation Services:** Don Dees stated that MRS continues to partner with DHS to serve JET participants. MRS is in the process of interviewing candidates for case managers.
- C. **Department of Human Services:** Nancy Reinke stated that Longino Gonzales will be moving to Macomb County to oversee Children's Service effective November 3, 2008. Ron Logan has been named the Acting Director and Stacie Bowen will be acting Children's Services director.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

**President's Update:**

- 2 new additions to the staff: Lanny Whetstone is the new Human Resource Director and Nathan Kammer as Workforce Training Director.
- CAI Employee Carol Piesko has received her Doctorate Degree. Carol is the Director of Career Alliance's Business Services.
- Looking to partner with Tic Toc Productions to train Michigan residents for careers in the film industry. We anticipate beginning training in February 2009.
- Attended a workforce education conference in relation to Green Jobs. Reported on upcoming jobs and the future of energy, wind, solar, biogas. Goal is to identify transferable skill sets from production related occupations to green energy occupations.
- The Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) just completed their Cycle III monitoring. The preliminary report indicated minor findings, most related to prior years activities.
- The auditors will be back in November to complete the Single Audit for 2008.
- We are working on the comp card implementation (the debit card system for training funds).
- The Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) is expected to release a portion of the \$10 million in No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) funds next week. We currently have a waiting list of individuals interested in training opportunities.

**Chair's Update:**

Jimmy King thanked the Board and CAI staff for the work they have done. The next meeting will be November 21, 2008.

Chair Jimmy King opened the floor for comments. Seeing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

Robert Hardy moved to adjourn the meeting. Vera Perry supported the motion.

All present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 am

Recorded by:

Sherry Adair-Goble

*Kevin J. Keane*

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Kevin J. Keane, Secretary

Date: 11/26/08

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