

Northeast Michigan Consortium
Administrative Board
Atlanta, Michigan
March 10, 2008

- I. Call to Order – 10:04 a.m.
- II. Introductions, Roll Call and Approval of the September 24, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Kauffman, Wallace, Fournier, Wingate, Timm, Glasser
Staff: Ries, Basel, Hoffmeyer, Zielaskowski

Minutes approval: Wallace, Fournier

- III. Election of Officers

Each year elect chair and vice chair. Chair signs papers. Open the floor for nominations. Timm, wingate to nominate Kauffman. Wallace move floor be closed and anonymous ballot cast, Fournier.

Wallace, Fournier to nominate wingate. Fournier moved nom be closed and anon vote be cast. Wallace supported. Aamc.

- IV. Director's Report
 - A. Federal level. Trade Adjustment Act is being reconsidered, provides training and expanded benefits for workers affected by the trade policy. Change being proposed now is expanding program, making it mandatory to be operated by state employees rather than our staff. Would disrupt system and cost taxpayers more \$\$\$. Mi works and NACO are opposing the move. Currently passed by house and in senate subcommittee. Fournier moved to strongly oppose the move to state operated program, supported by Wingate. AAMC.
 - B. NWLB: career readiness certificate developed by state council, testing packages (work keys) tests that are administered, would recv a certfcat to take to an employer. If passed, some state disc \$\$ may help offset costst at the regional level. Testing provided by colleges and mi works.
 - C. Executive pulse. Business retention program, econ deve, etc can input imployer based data into a profile. Comiled a legal agreement that

edc's must agree to. Business liaisons are suing a lot, will take some time for the database to be built.

- D. 21st century grants, 12k to implement and support exec pulse. Will be bringin company in for follow-up training on the system. Also applying for a second 21 grant for about 13,500 for strategic planning w/ various groups. Rsa group, artisan groups in the area, put together a network to market and promote them – possibility?
 - E. Job Fairs in the 8 counties in spring, hiring for tourism areas in particular. Advertised in local papers, radio.
 - F. Discussion on edc's drawing business to the counties from downstate. Wingate – have a joint meeting w/nemcog? Nemc works closely w/nemcog and she in turn w/the edc's.
 - G. Wdb and eag had joint meeting, well attended, discussion on working better together. Eag will meet again in april to discuss their mission and how to work w/the other boards.
- V. No Worker Left Behind Program

No one on staff or at state are happy w/how the program evolved, “Jennifer Granholm” program. Same as what we've done for 20 years. Dist info for counties on nwlb. We are to redirect parts to training. Three year initiative. A lot of politics involved. A lot of people have rcvd training since consortium began in the 70's. now have less \$\$ and have to be more selective becuz of per measures.

We have increased enrollments. Dist enrollment data summary at comm. Colleges and other entities. Total of 178 is not all-inclusive, doesn't include trade act enrollees (probably closer to 250 in training). Dist list of occupations that we'll provide training in, based on successful job placement. Also based upon statewide demand, not just the local area.

Wingate: good to see training for local emt's and paramedics. Aaware of mobile training unit at acc to train in four counties, basel will provide info to wingate.

Levin going for national emergency grant to help w/nwlb funding (40 million dollars). Also talking about recission redistribute our allocation.

VI. Performance Measures, Program Updates, RFP Schedule

A. Basel: perf for end of PY 2006. only mwa that has exceeded for 5 years in a row. All good except for cust satisfaction w/employers, where goal was 85 and actual was 85.9. only one of four in the state to exceed all our goals.

B. Program Updates, several funding changes since we met in Sept. dist packet of program funding changes. Rcvd new wia statewide nwlb funds. Rcvd Work first (JET) program funds. Fed procurement rcvd addnl \$40,000, to used for technology, training and travel. Glasser moved to approve budget changes, supported by timm. Aamc.

C. JET Plan, submitted last year in Sept. still not approved (no MWAs plans have been approved). Rcvd word late on Fri, that we have 2 small changes to make. DHS and MRS have reviewed.

D. RFP schedule for all programs. Give release dates for 3 programs. Admin board meeting on May 19, will be for contract award meeting. Reader committee on May 8, at 10:00 in Onaway.

VII. WIA Incumbent Worker Project Summary

Dist copies of proposal requests. Ncmc were approved for 4 of six requested training (\$29,193). Svsvu requested training for hb carbide.

VIII. Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI)

Submitted a comprehensive plan in 9/07. plan was approved. Rfp released, two proposed to run in the 14 county area, nemcsa awarded in contract. 7b acting as fiduciary. Hired new coordinator last week, to work on process flow. Working with parole agents, meeting some resistance.

IX. Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Presentation
Program inception in 1981, first in state, to help people get fed and state contracts. Dist packet of info on their mission to provide gov contracting assistance. Currently cover 15 counties and provide services to over 170 companies. Have assisted companies in obtaining over \$95 million in contract awards since program inception. Funding from dod and medc. All services are provided free of charge. Training in Gaylord on 3/27/08 at university side of the center. Dist brochures and business cards.

X. Other Business

A. Wingate: MEDC has program with r.e. brokers, they turn in any property for marketing thru out the u.s. (basically commercial properties).

B. Next Meeting: May 19, 2008, Elk Ridge.

XI. Adjourn Fournier moved, Wallace support to adjourn at 12:08 p.m.