

Minutes

Workforce Development Board
February 17, 2009
12:15 p.m.
Baker College/The Meeting Place

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Muskegon/Oceana Consortium Workforce Development Board was called to order by Chair, Sherry White, at 12:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bessie Aaron, John Arnoldi, Judy Bosma, Mary Ann Herbst, Vicky Hilliard, Char Holloway, Jane Johnson's alt. Gary Tornga, William Lowry, Christine Robere, and Sherry White

Members Excused: Louis Churchwell, Ed Garner, David Johnson, Russell Kopp, Mark Mangione, Steven Meyers, Robert Moritz, Tom O'Brien, Wendi Rudholm, Bobbi Spence, Lisa Stafford, and Lisa Velez

Also Present: Dick Carlson-GWIWDC, Valarie Thompson-WLWDC, Blanche Smith-FSWDC, Terri Crabtree-EWP, Robin Policka-EWP, Dee Carlson-Muskegon Public Schools/M-TEC, Erin Kenny and Mary Woodard-DET

III. MINUTES:

-WDB-08-19-It was moved by Christine Robere, supported by Judy Bosma, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2009, Muskegon/Oceana Consortium's Workforce Development Board meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Ms. Sherry White introduced Ms. Mary Ann Herbst, the President of Baker College. Ms. Terri Crabtree introduced Ms. Robin Policka from Every Woman's Place.

V. MICHIGAN PRISON REENTRY INITIATIVE (MPRI) REPORT:

- Received a copy of the most recent Participant Activity and Financial Report for the Michigan Prison ReEntry Initiative (MPRI). Mr. John Arnoldi presented an update on the report, with the economy being the biggest concern. Mr. Arnoldi also reported on cut backs at the prison and noted that more members were being added to the parole board. He also referred to the Department of Corrections website which includes more information on budget cuts as well as reports and recommendations for the future.

VI. OJT COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Received the Voucher Funding Analysis reflecting activity through February 2009, WDB approvals.

- February Classroom Voucher Training requests for \$52,771.00, were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-20-It was moved by William Lowry, supported by Christine Robere, to approve the January Classroom Training Voucher Requests based upon the availability of funds.

Motion Carried.

- The OJT Funding Summary was received, which shows the OJT's by funding source.

- January requests for seven (7) positions with seven (7) area employers were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-21-It was moved by William Lowry, supported by Judy Bosma, to approve the following requests for OJT positions, not to exceed \$17,807.09, based upon the availability of funds:

<u>EMPLOYER</u>		<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Enviro-Clean	1	Cleaner	1,292.00
Industrial Metal Cleaning Corp	1	Project Manager	2,000.00
Kotzian Tool, Inc.	1	Polisher	844.00
L-3 Communications	1	Material Handler	2,000.00
Lakeshore Physical Therapy	1	Billing/Marketing Asst.	2,000.00
Specialty Builders	1	Lead Abatement	2,000.00
Van's Car Wash	<u>1</u>	Lube Tech	<u>844.00</u>
	7		\$10,980.00
			(w/cap)

Motion Carried.

VII. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Agency Presentation
- Muskegon Heights WDC, March 2009 WDB meeting

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Update given on Paul and Wendy's recovery.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- John Arnoldi inquired about availability of stimulus money. William Lowry stated the bulk of stimulus money will flow through Lansing for MDOT projects.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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