

Minutes

Workforce Development Board
April 21, 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 2nd Vice-Chair, Bessie Aaron, at 12:50 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Bessie Aaron, John Arnoldi, Judy Bosma, Louis Churchwell, Ed Garner, Char Holloway, Jane Johnson's alt. Gary Tornga, Tom O'Brien, Christine Robere, and Lisa Stafford

Members Excused: Mary Ann Herbst, Vicky Hilliard, Dave Johnson, Jane Johnson, Russell Kopp, William Lowry, Mark Mangione, Steven Meyers, Robert Moritz, Wendi Rudholm, Bobbi Spence, Lisa Velez, and Sherry White

Also Present: Andy Achterhoff-FSWDC, Tom Griffin-GWIWDC, Dee Carlson-Muskegon Public Schools/MTEC, Erin Kenny and Shiray L. Watson-DET

III. MINUTES:

-WDB-08-25-It was moved by Char Holloway, supported by Judy Bosma, to ratify the actions taken at the February 17, 2009, Muskegon/Oceana Consortium's Workforce Development Board meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried.

-WDB-08-26-It was moved by Gary Tornga, supported by John Arnoldi, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009, Muskegon/Oceana Consortium's Workforce Development Board meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Ms. Bessie Aaron, 2nd Vice-Chair, informed those present that a card for Sherry White would be circulating throughout the meeting. Ms. White recently lost her son in a terrible auto accident.

V. MICHIGAN PRISON REENTRY INITIATIVE (MPRI) REPORT:

- Received, as information, a copy of the most recent Participant Activity and Financial Report data for the Michigan Prison ReEntry Initiative (MPRI). Mr. John Arnoldi gave a brief synopsis of the report. Mr. Arnoldi added that the MPRI program would be expanding, with 3500-4000 new parolees expected by the end of this fiscal year. The program would be receiving an additional \$240,000 in funding.

VI. OJT COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

- April Classroom Voucher Training requests for \$47,906, were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-27-It was moved by Ed Garner, supported by Tom O'Brien, to approve the April Classroom Training Voucher Requests based upon the availability of funds.

Motion Carried.

-WDB-08-28-It was moved by Ed Garner, supported by Christine Robere, to approve the following requests for OJT positions, not to exceed \$19,805.76, based upon the availability of funds:

<u>EMPLOYER</u>		<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Day Spring, Inc.	1	Personal Care Asst.	2,000.00
	1	Resident Life Partner	1,530.38
	1	Resident Life Partner I	2,000.00
Muskegon Central Dispatch	1	PT Telecommunicator	2,000.00
	1	PT Telecommunicator	2,000.00
Private Cable Systems, Inc.	1	Executive Assistant	2,000.00
Shellcast, Inc.	<u>1</u>	Welder	<u>1,856.00</u>
	7		15,358.38
			(w/cap)

Motion Carried.

VII. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Erin Kenny gave a brief summary of the Governor's visit to the City of Muskegon Heights. She also announced the retirement of Wendy J. Ohst, effective May 29, 2009.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Bessie Aaron read the announcement, submitted by Tom O'Brien, for the Manufacturer's Day at MCC on May 13, 2009, from 9-3 p.m.
- Christine Robere announced a free workshop on poverty with Dr. Donna Beagle on Friday, April 24, 2009, Muskegon Heights High School.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

- There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.