

Minutes

Workforce Development Board
January 20, 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 12:51 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: John Arnoldi's alt – Kathy Danhof, Judy Bosma, Mary Ann Herbst, Vicky Hilliard, Char Holloway, Dave Johnson, Jane Johnson's alt. – Gary Tornga, Wendi Rudholm, Lisa Stafford, Lisa Velez, and Sherry White

Members Excused: Bessie Aaron, John Arnoldi, Louis Churchwell, Ed Garner, Jane Johnson, Russell Kopp, William Lowry, Mark Mangione, Steven Meyers, Robert Moritz, Tom O'Brien, Christine Robere, and Bobbi Spence

Also Present: Andy Achterhoff-FSWDC, Dick Carlson, Tom Griffin, and LaWanda Furlough-GWIWDC, Thaddeus (Ted) Langlois-GWIWDC Participant, Lori Morgan & Rachel-SAF Holland/Employer, Valarie Thompson-WLWDC, Erin Kenny and Shiray L. Watson-DET

III. MINUTES:

-WDB-08-14-It was moved by Vicky Hilliard, supported by Gary Tornga, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2009, Muskegon/Oceana Consortium's Workforce Development Board meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- Ms. Sherry White introduced Mr. Tom Griffin, Director, Goodwill Industries Workforce Development Center (GWIWDC). Before introducing the participant, Ted Langlois, Mr. Griffin gave a brief history on the experiences Ted had working with GWIWDC.

Mr. Ted Langlois stated that his initial contact with GWIWDC came after his plant closed its operations. Ted worked 31 years at Eagle Ottawa as a machine operator. When the plant closed, Ted found himself unemployed and without benefits. Ted contacted GWIWDC and registered for his TAA benefits and, eventually, obtained a full-time position with Ameriform. However, six months later, Ted found himself unemployed again. Mr. Langlois stated that he remained in contact with his case manager, LaWanda Furlough, and took full advantage of any job leads provided. Ted received assistance with auto repairs and mileage reimbursement. He later obtained a full-time position, including benefits, with SAF Holland. Ted stated that he really enjoys his job and his co-workers. He thanked GWIWDC and LaWanda Furlough for all their help and encouragement.

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).

VI. OJT COMMITTEE REPORT:

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

- December Classroom Voucher Training requests for \$33,382.50, were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-15-It was moved by Wendi Rudholm, supported by Judy Bosma, to approve the December Classroom Training Voucher Requests based upon the availability of funds.

Motion Carried.

- January Classroom Voucher Training requests for \$16,240.00, were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-16-It was moved by Wendi Rudholm, supported by Judy Bosma, 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.

- December requests for thirteen (13) positions with six (6) area employers were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-17-It was moved by Wendi Rudholm, supported by Char Holloway, to approve the following requests for OJT positions, not to exceed \$35,468.61, based upon the availability of funds:

<u>EMPLOYER</u>		<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Bayer Crop Science	1	Chemical Operator	2,000.00
	1	Chemical Operator	2,000.00
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Day Spring, Inc.	1	Resident Life Partner II	2,000.00
	1	Resident Life Partner	2,000.00
Graphics House Printing, Inc.	1	Designer	2,000.00
J. Stevens Construction	1	Laborer	790.50
JAAR, Inc.	1	Crew Person	592.00
Mercy Health Partners	<u>1</u>	Office Assistant	<u>2,000.00</u>
	13		23,382.50
			(w/cap)

- Abstain – Vicky Hilliard

Motion Carried.

- January requests for ten (10) positions with ten (10) area employers were presented for approval.

-WDB-08-18-It was moved by Wendi Rudholm, supported by Char Holloway, to approve the following requests for OJT positions, not to exceed \$17,886.36, based upon the availability of funds:

<u>EMPLOYER</u>		<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
Day Spring, Inc.	1	Resident Life Partner	2,000.00
Getty St. Grill	1	Hostess	492.10
Hall Brothers, Inc/Status Deliver	1	Truck Driver	2,000.00
Holton Auto Center	1	Secretary	2,000.00
JAAR, Inc.	1	Crew Person	492.10
L-3 Communications	1	Janitor	2,000.00

My Hot Rod Shop	1	Body Technician	2,000.00
Wesco (Apple Ave.)	1	Cashier	537.20
Wesco, Inc. (Whitehall Road)	1	Assistant Manager	2,000.00
West Michigan Therapy	<u>1</u>	Resident Aid	<u>2,000.00</u>
	10		15,521.40
			(w/cap)

Motion Carried.

VII. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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