

MICHIGAN WORKS! REGION 7B CONSORTIUM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Minutes of the Meeting
June 21, 2019

Chairman - D. Jay O'Farrell, Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium Administrative Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Chairman - Norm Fullmer of the Workforce Development Board at Iron Park, West Branch, Michigan. Roll call was taken with results as follows:

ADMIN BOARD

PRESENT: Arenac – **Bobbe Burke**, Iosco – **D. Jay O'Farrell**; Roscommon – **Ken Melvin**.

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ABSENT: Clare – **Jeff Haskell**, Ogemaw – **Jenny David**, Gladwin – **Joel Vernier**.

WDB PRESENT: JLLJacobs - **Jay Jacobs**; Mann Construction – **Kim Wood**; Melling Products North – **Jaclyn Heller**; Toms Wood Shop - **Thomas L. Winarski**; Wise Heating & Cooling - **Ron Vittitow**; Searfoss Realty - **Larry Boyce**; Consumers Energy – **Richard Castle**; Kalitta Air – **Angel Melendez**; Common Sense Consulting – **Norm Fullmer**; CBO - **Jill Sutton**; Post-Secondary Education – **Scott Govitz**; Education – **Dana McGrew, Dan Beltz**; Commission for Blind Persons – **Sharday Lawrence**; Labor - **George Yost, Jason Reed**; MDOC – **Rick Mularz**.

WDB ABSENT: Competitive Machine – **Laura Puzzuoli**; Saginaw Chippewa Tribe – **Erik Rodriguez**; Harrison Do-It Best – **Roger Taylor**; Members First Credit Union – **Jennifer Ivey**; Saint Gobain Performance - **Jennifer Perry**; T.G. Ferguson – **Thomas Ferguson**; Cooper Standard – **Clara Sherman**; Lear Corp – **Joe Kato**; CBO – **Cherrie Benchley**; MRS – **Eric Bachmann**; DHS – **Kara Mularz**; Labor – **Frantt Whitehill**, Economic Development - **James McBryde**.

CEAC BOARD: TIA – WDB – **Michelle Cordano**; MRS – **Allison Hudson**; Iosco RESA - **Tina Williams**; Clare Gladwin ISD – **Sandy Russell**.

STATE Rep's: Representative Wentworth – **Dave Coker**; Senator VanderWall – **Jamie Callahan**; Congressman Moolenaar – **Ashton Bortz**.

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Berdan, Barbara Hawkins, Renee Sievers; Natasha Allen; Robert Caillier; Renee Nagy; Sue Gedney; Bill Hisey; Shelby Powell; Lisa Miller; Dianne Peterson; Marc Lauria; Juliette Nielsen; Stephanie Buffman; Denise Ripke; Vicky Stickler; Pam O'Laughlin; Kathy Maharas; Jeanne Roe; Anna Hetherington; Shelli Burden; Lori Friend; Patty Engel; Heidi Kruse; McKenna O'Dell; Lindsay Adkins; Vanessa Green; Nicole Harms; Chris Hubbard; Jean Hollenbeck; Mandi Chasey; Tracey Kanyo; Carol Roshy; Linda Fairchild; Amber Davies; Crystal Peplinski; Rob Adams; Shana Turner; Todd Cook; Ashley Placher; Kyle Wallaker; James Wing; Jody Bennett; Suzanne Sundberg and their guests.

The minutes of the Full WDB meeting March 21, 2019 were reviewed. After discussion action was as follows:

Mr. Winarski moved to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. Boyce supported the motion.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Berdan thanked the LEO and WDB for their dedication and support. Staff was thanked for their hard work; there was a hand out of the Director's Notes for review.

As Part of New Business Mr. Berdan stated that all six of our offices have been certified for the next three years. The Infrastructure Funding Agreements (IFA) were presented: As with last year and consistent with PI 18-09, or any subsequent changes regarding instructions for Executing MOUs under the WIOA of 2014, an IFA must be executed between the local board and each of the required One-Stop partners and attached as an addendum to the MOU. Infrastructure costs should be funded through the Local Funding Mechanism (LFM) described in this policy. Failure of a local area to come to consensus regarding the terms of the IFA will trigger the State Funding Mechanism (SFM).

In the SFM the Governor determines One-Stop partner contributions after consultation with the Chief Elected Officials, local boards, and the State Workforce Development Board. Further guidance regarding the SFM will be provided in a future change to this policy.

Infrastructure costs of a One-Stop are defined as non-personnel costs that are necessary for the general operation of the One-Stop center, including but not limited to facility costs, utilities and maintenance, equipment (including assessment related and assistive technology for individuals with disabilities); and, technology to facilitate access to the One-Stop center, including technology used for the center's planning and outreach activities (WIOA Section 121(h)(4)). Each entity that carries out a program or activities in a local One-Stop must use a portion of the funds available for the program and activities to maintain the One-Stop delivery system, including payment of the infrastructure costs of One-Stop centers.

This year the agreements include the perceived benefit to partners. These figures were received from the state based on self-reporting from partners. After discussion action was as follows:

Mr. Boyce moved to approve the IFA's as presented. Mr. Winarski supported the motion.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Berdan presented the RESEA Plan, MWA's are able to serve RESEA claimants that are outside of their Service Delivery Area. MWAs have access, in the One-Stop Management Information System, to locate claimants not assigned to their MWA to schedule the appointment.

The MWAs, as a whole, are scheduled to serve 13,371 claimants. First scheduled RESEAs will be reimbursed for costs incurred up to \$175 each. Second scheduled RESEAs will be reimbursed for costs incurred up to \$100 each. "No Shows" to scheduled appointments will be reimbursed for \$22. Region 7B is being allocated \$43,115.00 in RESEA funding. After discussion action was as follows:

Mr. Yost moved to approve the RESEA Plan as presented. Mr. Jacobs supported the motion.

Motion Carried.

Continuing with New Business; Mr. Berdan informed members on the "The Network" Program is a partnership between the Michigan Works! Agencies and the Talent Investment Agency. The program is an initiative that promotes economic excellence and talent development by providing career pathways and wrap-around services to the structurally unemployed and the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) population. ALICE participants are individuals who are working yet still struggling to make ends meet or one crisis away from poverty.

This initiative will utilize the Business Resource Network (BRN) model to deliver wrap-around services necessary to provide eligible participants with opportunities to long-term, meaningful employment. BRNs are locally driven private-public consortia whose purpose is to improve the employer's workforce retention through employee support and training. Through the BRN model, services are directly delivered to eligible participants to offer long-term, sustainable employment options and deliver supportive services that reduce barriers to employment.

Benefits of this partnership include linking employers, community and faith-based organizations, other state and local agencies with eligible participants in order to assist those with the willingness to work, but who face barriers, with finding long-term, sustainable employment. The date for completion has been extended to September 30, 2020.

Ms. Allen presented the Apprenticeship Success Coordinator Plan, this plan provides continued support of the Apprenticeship Success Coordinator function through additional allocated funding and an Innovation Grant opportunity to cultivate at least 764 new Registered Apprentices through July 31, 2020. To enhance current apprenticeship expansion efforts and avoid any duplication of efforts. Region 7B Consortium will receive \$15,625 in Statewide Activities; \$9,375 in PY 17 Expansion Continuation; \$1,994 in PY18 Penalty and Interest, totaling \$26,994. After discussion action was as follows:

Ms. Wood moved to approve the Apprenticeship Success Coordinator Plan as presented. Mr. Jacobs supported the motion

Motion Carried.

Mr. Beltz updated members on the Perkins 5 Grant which will begin in 2020. This grant helps kids transition into schools.

Dates for the next meetings:

Friday, June 28, 2018 10:30 a.m. LEO Michigan Works, in West Branch
Thursday, July 18, 2019 8:00 a.m. ESC Michigan Works, in West Branch
Monday, December 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. CEAC Board, Willow Tree, West Branch
Thursday, September 19, 2019 Full Board, 8:30 a.m. Michigan Works in West Branch

There was no Public Response.

Mr. Jacobs moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Mr. Winarski supported the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. Jay O'Farrell - Chairperson
Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium

Norm Fullmer Chairperson
Michigan Works! Region 7B Consortium

Administrative Board of Directors

Workforce Development Board

Recording Secretary:
Barbara Hawkins/bjh