

JOB FORCE BOARD
September 18, 2008
Orrin E. Bailey, Secretary

JFB Members:	Present:	Excused:
Mr. David Anthony	X	
Mr. Paul Arseneault	X	
Mr. Steve Balbierz	X	
Ms. Carol Barbacovi-Muscoe	X	
Mr. Doug Bovin	X	
Mr. Will Carne	X	
Mr. Richard Crofton		X
Mr. David Danielson		X
Mr. Al Hendra	X	
Mr. Jim Hermans		X
Mr. Peter Jennings	X	
Mr. Jon Johnson	X	
Ms. Robyn Loviska	X	
Ms. Vickie Micheau	X	
Mr. Rod Miller		X
Mr. Steve Norman		X
Mr. Steve Pontrbiand	X	
Mr. Anthony Retaskie	X	
Mr. Dave Rivard		X
Dr. Michael Roy	X	
Ms. Jenny Short		X
Mr. Kel Smyth	X	
Mr. Roy Stern		X
Ms. Judy Watson-Olson	X	

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

A membership quorum is present.

III. Public Comment

President Will Carne introduced Department of Labor and Economic Growth representatives Maggie Sayles, Sue Schaible and Christopher Rosborough.

IV. Approval of Agenda - Action

Motion to approve the JFB agenda was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

V. Reading, Correction, and Action on Minutes - Action

Motion to approve previous JFB meeting minutes was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

VI. Old Business Job Force Board

A. Regional Skills Alliances

The President referred board members to the "Regional Skills Alliance" tab in the board packet for a review of the Alliances' minutes.

B. Committee Reports

The President referred board members to the “Committees” tab in the board packet for a review of the e committees’ minutes with oral reports given by the following committees:

1. CLEG:

Steve Balbierz reported that the last Council for Labor and Economic Growth meeting was held in conjunction with the Michigan Works! Association Conference. He participated in a workforce investment board networking breakfast at which he heard a representative from USA Works! from Washington D.C. talk about the nuances that occur particularly during an election year and how that can trickle down and affect workforce investment boards across the county. The CLEG Meeting agenda featured presentations by the sub-committee on Global Competiveness, a committee that is assessing the global competitiveness of Michigan’s workforce; and, the Low wage worker advancement/adult learning subcommittee. Both presentations were extensive. S. Balbierz indicated that the reports would be made available to the Board Members for their review.

P. Arsenault added that he participated as a panelist in a discussion along with three other local workforce board members who are also members of CLEG. There was candid discussion on the communication between the local boards and state workforce boards on how the two can work together to better workforce programs.

President Carne gave accolades to board members Vickie Micheau and Tony Retaskie who were recognized by the Michigan Works! Association for excellence in customer service and innovation. Board member Paul Arsenault received recognition in the Lifetime Achievement Award category. Joel Schultz, Director, Region 1 Michigan Small Business and Technology Center was named partner of the year.

P. Arsenault commented that a CLEG member applauded the efforts of the Job Force Board as several members from our community were recognized by the Association, demonstrating the board’s commitment to community involvement and continuous improvement.

Orrin thanked Board Member Peter Jennings, CEO of OSF St. Francis Hospital and Medical Group for assigning Kelly Jefferson, Master Black Belt, to present on Six Sigma in Healthcare at the Michigan Works! Association Conference. A. Hendra added that Jefferson will be presenting at the November 6th Upper Peninsula Healthcare Roundtable Conference.

2. Community Relations Committee:

W. Carne and D. Bovin recognized Tracy Anderson as the alumna of the quarter. She works at Pisces VMK, Inc. in Escanaba as an electrical technician. Matt Wastell, Vice President of Pisces VMK, Inc. was present to celebrate the award.

VII. New Business Job Force Board

A. Plans

- 1.** Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Statewide Capacity Building and Professional Development Grant was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

2. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Incentive Grant Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
3. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Program Plans for Program Year 208 was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
4. Motion to support the submission of the Statewide Activities Funding for Service Center Grant Operations Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
5. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Investment Act Incumbent Worker Training Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.
6. Motion to support the submission of the Workforce Incentive Grant Disability Program Navigator Plan was made; motion was supported and carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comment

S. Balbierz provided the board with a brief presentation on the explosive growth of the Internet. The amount of traffic now being sent over the Internet is doubling every year. This astonishing growth is referred to in the telecommunications industry as the "Exoflood". He outlined the challenges that Internet providers are faced with as they try to build their networks with enough capacity to withstand this new "flood" of traffic. He emphasized the importance of continuing to allow companies to manage their networks so that traffic can be moved in the most efficient manner possible.

IX. Adjournment