

CAMWC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

June 17, 2009

Maxfield's Inn, Edmore

Members Present: Don Burns, Carolyn Bennett, Steve Foster, Jeff Knox, Tim Flynn, Don Schurr, and Robin Whitmore

Members Absent: Franz Mogdis

Vacancies: 1

Staff/Guests

Present: Janet Bloomfield and Phil Wilson

Meeting Summary

With a quorum present, Steve Foster, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Review/Approval of Minutes from the April 15, 2009, Meeting

MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 15, 2009, MEETING MINUTES. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

WIB Survey

Committee members were asked to give each priority a value (1 – 3) to assist the staff in preparing the Five-Year Plan. The staff will tally the values and report back to the WIB in July.

Incumbent Worker

The Committee was asked to review the proposed budget for the “regular” Incumbent Worker program. This funding is used to support companies—one company at a time. The funding is limited to \$6,000/year/company and must be matched dollar for dollar.

A question was asked about United Solar, questioning if a training plan has been prepared and presented. Phil Wilson shared his notes regarding a recent meeting. There was a discussion regarding funding available to pay for new employee training.

The Committee was presented with a proposed budget for the Training Alliance. This funding would come from the regular WIA allocation. It is proposed the funding should come from the Youth allocation; however, it appears DOL may prohibit use of Adult or Youth funding for incumbent worker training.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED THAT THE PROPOSED INCUMBENT WORKER BUDGETS SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED TO THE WIB FOR APPROVAL. Motion carried unanimously.

Update Demand List – Fall 2009

The demand list will have to be updated this fall when new forecasting information is released from the MI Labor Market Unit. The members discussed what parameters should be used. It is noted there is the feeling the demand list should be limited to employment opportunity in the CAMWC region. The staff will work on the demand list for Committee consideration at the October meeting.

WIB Board Member Opening

Due to Sheral Simon's new job, she is no longer eligible to serve on the WIB, leaving a Montcalm County Private Sector opening. Bloomfield presented a potential member, Mary Peterson. Ms. Peterson is the Business Development Officer with Chemical Bank.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO RECOMMEND MARY PETERSEN FOR WIB MEMBERSHIP. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

WIB Meeting – The next WIB meeting is July 15, 2009, at 5:30 at Maxfield's Restaurant.

Committee meetings will not be held in August. Bloomfield shared information on the Michigan Works! Conference. Early bird registration ends July 6th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.