

Michigan Council for Labor & Economic Growth
Quarterly Meeting
Lansing Community College West Campus MTEC
5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing, Michigan
Monday, September 13, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Balbierz	John Mogk	Michael Schmidt
Paul Bergan	Donald O’Connell	Kester So
Lloyd Bingman	Sharon Parks	Marge Sorge
Gary Burtka	Sharon Peters	Robert Straits
Michael Evangelista	Daniel Phelan	Phil Thompson
Thomas Hickner	Gene Pierce	Mary Thornton
Douglas Jester	Jaye Porter	Mitch Tomlinson
Thomas Kimble	James Roberts	William Wagner
Karen Kosniewski	Lisa Rutledge	Michael Zelley
Andy Levin	Carlos Sanchez	Lynn Zuellig
Ronald Lilek	Cunessa Sanders	
Frank Lopez	Jeff Schade	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wilma Abney	Michael Flanagan	Dick Long
David Adams	Mark Gaffney	Alan Low
Derick Adams	Judson Gilbert II	Greg Main
Ismael Ahmed	Eric Gilbertson	Timothy Nelson
Glenn Anderson	Doyle Hayes	Shelley Norman-Hill
Lizabeth Ardisana	Timothy Herman	Janet Olszewski
Paul Arsenault	John Hernandez	William Peterson
Harry Bonner	Robert Jacquart	Hubert Price
Patrick Cannon	John James	Roy Sexton
Ed Clemente	Eleanor Josaitis	Ryan Swartz
Frank Cloutier	Jumana Judeh	Sharon Tyler
Jennifer Cornell	Sue Koseck	John Van Wyck
David Eisler	Jack Litzenberg	Zane Walker
Fern Espino		

I. WELCOME / AGENDA REVIEW

John Mogk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He reported that Andy Levin has been appointed as the new Acting Director for the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. Mr. Mogk announced four new members to CLEG; Lisa Rutledge, Director of Community Benefit & Outreach for Oakwood Healthcare, Zane Walker, President of Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, replacing Shorty Gleason, who has retired, Roy Sexton, Director of Strategic Communications for Oakwood Healthcare and Bill Peterson, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of the UAW International, who is rejoining CLEG after a brief absence. Mr. Peterson is also a member of the Macomb/St. Clair local Michigan Works! board.

Mr. Mogk congratulated Andy Levin on his new position and asked him to give an update on DELEG activities and his new role as Acting Director of DELEG.

II. DELEG/CLEG UPDATES

Director's Update

Andy Levin announced that Liza Estlund Olson has been appointed Acting Deputy Director of DELEG for the workforce areas. He also announced members of the new energy team in the executive office;

Curtis A. Hertel, Sr., DELEG Deputy Director for Energy Programs,

Tremaine Phillips, Special Assistant to the Deputy Director for Energy Programs,

Deborah Canja, Deputy General Counsel in the Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, on assignment as Senior Executive Assistant to Andy Levin,

Beth Sommers, Green Jobs Specialist in the Bureau of Workforce Transformation, working on the executive office energy team on a special project basis.

MI NCRC

Liza Estlund Olson updated the council on the status of recent workforce-related activities. She talked about recent and future grant opportunities, No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) funding, Adult Learning Regional Strategy activities, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) funding awarded to the state.

Entrepreneurship

Tricia Llewellyn, Director of DELEG-BWT's Meeting Employer Needs Division, updated the council on state activities in support of CLEG's Entrepreneurship recommendations, including the formation of an internal stakeholders group in coordination with MEDC and the Governor's office, the initial inventory of existing state programs that support entrepreneurs, issuance of regional entrepreneurial collaborative grants, other planned activities, and hiring of a VP for Entrepreneurship at MEDC.

Ms. Llewellyn reported that the MI NCRC system is up and running and all Michigan Works! areas now offer the MI NCRC. The next push is to increase employer awareness of the certificate and how it can help in hiring decisions. Promotional materials have been developed and a series of regional employer educational forums have been held statewide. The council was asked for help and input on strategies to empower and to advocate to employers within their circles of influence on how the MI NCRC can be useful to them.

Ms. Llewellyn presented CLEG Member Jim Roberts with a letter of recognition from Governor Granholm for his participation in the Regional Entrepreneurship Collaborative Review Team.

Boards of Excellence

Alisande Henry, Council Administrator, announced the retirement of Christopher Rosborough at the end of June. She reported that BWT staff would be providing some back-up assistance until the vacancy is filled.

Staff is in the process of developing the policy issuance that will implement the Boards of Excellence certification criteria. The council will be provided updates on its progress as it develops. Ms. Henry also reported that she and Tom Kimble will be giving an informational presentation at the Michigan Works! conference next week.

Ms. Henry talked briefly about the Capstone Report, asking for input and feedback from CLEG members.

Capstone Report

Mr. Mogk stressed the importance of the Capstone Report, as it will summarize the accomplishments of CLEG over the past six years. He thanked everyone for their participation in preparing the report.

III. Workforce Grant Activity

Jennifer Tebedo, DELEG Grants and External Relations Specialist, reported on the various workforce-related grants that the department has recently applied for – as well as the awards, if announced, and she thanked everyone who has helped with putting the grant information together. Copies of abstracts, and letters of support sent on behalf of CLEG are included in the meeting booklets.

Ms. Tebedo also talked about grant opportunities expected to be announced in the next few months, and the role CLEG may be playing in them, as well as the process for seeking letters of support/input for grant applications from the council or individual members – which often requires a fast turnaround.

IV. Michigan's NEG-OJT Grant Plan

Chong-Anna Canfora, Manager of the Rapid Response Unit in DELEG-BWT, updated the council on the National Emergency Grant for On the Job Training (NEG-OJT) recently awarded to the state, which was discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Canfora thanked CLEG members for their input from the discussion at the June meeting. She stated Michigan received a \$3.8 million award and the more detailed implementation plan has been submitted to USDOL. She briefly reviewed the details of the plan (who's eligible, what employers need to do to participate, what is covered). She introduced the following MWA directors who talked more about how the NEG-OJT is expected to work in their areas.

Paul Griffith, Director of West Central Michigan Works! gave an overview of how they've used OJTs successfully, and how it's worked with the employers in their area.

Orrin Bailey, Director of the Job Force Board Michigan Works! also gave an overview of how his area has used OJTs, talking about their successes in the UP.

Ms. Canfora answered state-specific questions about the NEG-OJT, while Mr. Bailey and Mr. Griffith fielded locally-based or programmatic questions.

V. ACTION ITEM

Consent Agenda

The following items were on the consent agenda for review and approval:

- Approve 6/14/10 CLEG meeting minutes
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/CLEG_6-14-2010_FINAL_minutes_332816_7.pdf

- Approve recommendation of the Maximizing System Effectiveness & Innovation Committee
 - Approve WIA OJT-NEG Statutory Waiver Request for PY 2010
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/NEG-OJT_WIA_Waiver -
Committee Approved 09-01-10_333185_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/NEG-OJT_WIA_Waiver_-_Committee_Approved_09-01-10_333185_7.pdf)
 - Approve PY 2010 Workforce Information Grant
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant PY20
10 Summary for CLEG - Committee Approved 09-01-10_333183_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant_PY2010_Summary_for_CLEG_-_Committee_Approved_09-01-10_333183_7.pdf)
 - Approve PY 2009 Workforce Information Grant Progress Report
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant Progr
ess Report PY 2009 - Michigan - Committee Approved 09-01-
10_333182_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant_Progress_Report_PY_2009_-_Michigan_-_Committee_Approved_09-01-10_333182_7.pdf)

A MOTION was made by CLEG member Mike Zelle, and SUPPORTED by CLEG member Phil Thompson to approve the consent agenda. The MOTION carried unanimously.

VI. ACTION ITEM

Supporting Key Industry Sectors & the Green Economy Health Care Subcommittee Recommendation

Lynn Zuellig, chair of the Key Industry Sectors and the Green Economy Health Care Subcommittee, shared background information and reviewed focus areas of the 2010 Michigan Healthcare Workforce report and recommendations. Ron Lilek, representing the Michigan Hospital Association on the Healthcare Subcommittee, described the four key recommendations developed by the healthcare subcommittee. Ms. Zuellig asked members of the subcommittee who were present to stand and be recognized. She also gave special recognition to committee staff, Erin Duckett and Holly Parker for their assistance in putting the report together. A short Q&A followed.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/CLEG_Healthcare_Subcommittee_Report_9.13.10_FINAL_333186_7.pdf

Upon completion of the presentation, a MOTION was made by CLEG member Sharon Peters, and SUPPORTED by CLEG member Jeff Schade to approve the recommendation of the Key Industry Sectors & the Green Economy Health Care Subcommittee as presented in the 2010 Michigan Healthcare Workforce Report. The MOTION carried unanimously.

VII. Michigan Business One Stop

Carol Steffanni, Program Director for the Michigan Business One Stop, and Laurie Mitchell, Communications Director for the Michigan Business One Stop, talked about the Michigan Business One Stop and the services offered to employers, as well as how they are integrating the recommendations of the Bold Voices, Bold Choices report into the work that they do.

Comments and Q&A from CLEG members about the website (<http://www.michigan.gov/business>), as well as an interactive review of some of its features followed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT / CLOSING REMARKS

There were no public comments or questions.

Alisande Henry announced that the next CLEG meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the LCC – MTEC in Lansing. She also reminded members that input for the Capstone Report is due by October 1st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved December 6, 2010