

Council for Labor & Economic Growth
Quarterly Meeting
Lansing Community College West Campus, MTEC- Conference Center
Monday, June 15, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Adams	Robert Jacquart	Gene Pierce
Derick Adams	Douglas Jester	Stanley “Skip” Pruss
Paul Arsenault	Janet Joseph	James Roberts
Lloyd Bingman, Ph.D.	Jumana Judeh	Trenda Rusher
Gary Burtka	Thomas Kimble	Carlos Sanchez
Patrick Cannon	Sue Koseck	Cuneshia Sanders
Matthew Chambers	Karen Kosniewski	Michael Schmidt
David Eisler	Dick Long	Jaye Shamsiddeen
Fern Espino, Ph.D.	Frank Lopez	Kester So
Michael Evangelista	John Mogk	Marjorie Sorge
Michael Flanagan	Timothy Nelson	Phil Thompson
Norma Hagenow	Donald O’Connell	Mitch Tomlinson
Doyle Hayes	Janet Olszewski	Sharon Tyler
Timothy Herman	Sharon Parks	Cindy Warner
Thomas Hickner	Sharon Peters	Lynn Zuellig, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wilma Abney	Mark Gaffney	Greg Main
Ismael Ahmed	Judson Gilbert II	Shelly Norman-Hill
Glenn Anderson	Eric Gilbertson	Daniel Phelan
Lizabeth Ardisana	Patrick “Shorty” Gleason	Hubert Price Jr.
Stephen Balbierz	John Hernandez	Ryan Swartz
Paul Bergan	John James	Mary Thornton
Harry Bonner Sr.	Eleanor Josaitis	John Van Wyck
Ed Clemente	Ken Laubert	John Voorhorst
Frank Cloutier	Jack Litzenberg	Michael Zelley
Jennifer Cornell	Alan Low	

I. Welcome/Agenda Review

John Mogk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and reviewed the meeting agenda and objectives. New appointments to CLEG were introduced; Douglas Jester of IT Services Corporation, Dick Long of the UAW International, and Mayor Gary Burtka of Allen Park.

II. Michigan’s “Green” Vision

Director Pruss spoke from the following presentation:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Michigans_Energy_Future_PP_for_CLEG_-_June_15_2009_283495_7.pdf

Member Discussion

Based on components of the presentation on Michigan’s “Green” vision by Director Pruss, CLEG members were asked to discuss and answer the following questions:

1. As it relates to the call for strategic alliance between energy, workforce & labor - what needs to be done to forge a strategic alliance among the three segments of the economy to expand energy

efficiency efforts and production of renewable energy systems and their component parts in Michigan?

2. As it relates to the Obama Administration's energy & climate goals calling for the country to invest in alternative and renewable energy; end our addiction to foreign oil; address the global climate crisis and; create millions of new jobs what needs to be done to accelerate introduction of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures into the Michigan's energy base, and
3. What role can CLEG play in addressing the needs identified in items 1 and 2 above?

A summary of the answers gathered from that discussion included:

- Enlist Members of CLEG to be renewable energy messengers. Define a renewable energy message that resonates. Make it concise, strong and understandable. Reach out also to university presidents, chamber leaders, and heads of industry, labor, civic, economic and grass roots organizations to add their support.
- Provide clarity and better communicate to the workforce what jobs will be created by the new green economy, their location in the state, the education and training that will be required and by whom it will be provided (public sector working in collaboration with the private sector and educational organizations)? Feature one or more model projects as examples of what works in matching new job opportunities with workers seeking employment.
- Enlist the regional workforce boards and educational institutions with which they collaborate in creating the programs and pathways necessary to prepare the workforce for the new job opportunities of the green economy.
- Define and effectively communicate an implementation plan for growing renewable energy as a strategic part of the state's energy base with clear direction for all sectors of the Michigan economy to actively participate in the plan.
- Describe how growth in the renewable energy sector can be leveraged with other sectors to maximize opportunities for the state, particularly in the health care, education and government fields.
- Recognize that nuclear energy can be a clean, reliable, reasonably priced component of the state's energy mix and should not be dismissed as a possible companion of renewable energy in growing the state's future energy base. Many of the world's leading industrialized nations continue to look to nuclear power to address the critical need to combat global warming.

III. Action Items

The action items on the consent agenda include approval of the following:

- March 2, 2009 quarterly meeting minutes
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/March_2_2009_-_CLEG_Meeting_Minutes_-_Final_282802_7.pdf

A correction to the March 2, 2009 minutes was identified. Tom Hickner was present at the March 2, 2009 meeting, but was listed as absent in the minutes. With the noted correction, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- Ratification of Executive Committee action to extend the State Workforce Investment Plan
- Approval of Modification to the State Workforce Investment Plan

A summary of how the WIA funds are prioritized and used was requested. This information will be sent out to all council members with the post CLEG meeting e-mail.

A MOTION was made by CLEG member Sharon Peters, and SUPPORTED by CLEG member Trenda Rusher to approve the consent agenda action items. The MOTION carried unanimously.

IV. Announcements & Updates

Capstone Report

Mr. Mogk, CLEG Chair, provided members with an overview of the executive committee's vision for the CLEG Capstone report. He asked each committee to discuss the Capstone Report outline as part of their committee meetings today and to provide feedback through the committee chairs.

Other CLEG Initiative Updates

John Mogk asked members to review the two printed update reports provided in the meeting booklets:

- Michigan National Career Readiness Certificate
- Adult Learning Transformation

Apprenticeship Activity

Janet Howard stated that on Monday, June 22, 2009, the Department of Energy, Labor, & Economic Growth (DELEG) and US Department of Labor (USDOL)-Office of Apprenticeships (OA) are hosting the Michigan Apprenticeship Action Summit for partners and stakeholders as a forum to create a broader awareness of some of the growing apprenticeship activity and resources available in Michigan. CLEG members were invited to the event, with RSVP and location information included with a letter of invitation in the meeting booklet.

September CLEG Quarterly Meeting & MWA Conference

Alisande Henry announced that the September CLEG Quarterly meeting will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Works! for People Annual Conference, which is September 13-15, 2009, at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant. As has been tradition, there will be a joint luncheon for CLEG members, Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) directors, local Workforce Development Board (WDB) members, and Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) held just prior to the quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 15th. A limited number of complementary registrations for CLEG members wishing to attend the Michigan Works! Conference are available. Any interested Council members were asked to contact CLEG staff by June 26th.

V. State of Michigan ARRA Roundtable

Janet Howard, Deputy Director, DELEG Bureau of Workforce Transformation (BWT), served as moderator for a panel discussion on the topic of Michigan's Recovery and Reinvestment Plan. Panel members included Skip Pruss, Director, DELEG, Leslee Fritz, Director, MI Economic Recovery Office, Janet Olszewski, Director, MI Department of Community Health (DCH), Deb Dansby, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Barb Anders, Director, Adult and Family Services, MI Department of Human Services (DHS), and Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent, MI Department of Education (MDE).

Michigan's Economic Recovery Office came into existence to fulfill the objective of compliance and oversight, and to navigate the process on how the stimulus money is located, spent, and tracked. Panel members talked about the use of stimulus funds by their departments, and barriers and issues facing the

use of the stimulus money. Challenges in dealing with the Federal government include lack of guidance issues and then scrutiny, communication, and staff shortages.

Additional discussion included the increased number of uninsured individuals and the effect on the safety net normally in place, and the role of community health centers in potential health care reform.

Panel members also talked about expectations of the long-term economic goals to be achieved with the stimulus money, and maximizing the leverage of this money in Michigan.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CLOSING REMARKS

There was no response to the call for public comment.

There being no further business, Mr. Mogk adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

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