

Michigan Council for Labor & Economic Growth
Quarterly Meeting
Soaring Eagle Resort, 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Adams	Timothy Herman	Stanley “Skip” Pruss
Derick Adams	Thomas Hickner	James Roberts
Lizabeth Ardisana	Douglas Jester	Trenda Rusher
Paul Arsenault	Eleanor Josaitis	Carlos Sanchez
Stephen Balbierz	Janet Joseph	Jaye Shamsiddeen
Paul Bergan	Thomas Kimble	Kester So
Lloyd Bingman, Ph.D.	Ken Laubert	Marge Sorge
Matthew Chambers	Frank Lopez	Mary Thornton
Frank Cloutier	John Mogk	Mitch Tomlinson
David Eisler	Timothy Nelson	John Van Wyck
Fern Espino, Ph.D.	Donald O’Connell	Cindy Warner
Michael Evangelista	Sharon Parks	Michael Zelle
Eric Gilbertson	Sharon Peters	Lynn Zuellig, RN, BSN
Doyle Hayes	Gene Pierce	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wilma Abney	Judson Gilbert II	Greg Main
Ismael Ahmed	Parick “Shorty” Gleason	Shelly Norman-Hill
Glenn Anderson	John Hernandez	Janet Olszewski
Harry Bonner Sr.	Robert Jacquart	Daniel Phelan
Gary Burtka	John James	Hubert Price Jr.
Patrick Cannon	Jumana Judeh	Cunessa Sanders
Ed Clemente	Sue Koseck	Mike Schmidt
Jennifer Cornell	Karen Kosniewski	Ryan Swartz
Mike Flanagan	Jack Litzenberg	Phil Thompson
Mark Gaffney	Dick Long	Sharon Tyler
	Alan Low	John Voorhorst

II. WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Mogk, Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Mogk introduced Bill Stanek, Chair of Michigan Works! Board of Directors, and Bob Straits, Chair of Michigan Works! Association Director’s Council, and Luann Dunsford, Executive Director of Michigan Works! Association. He welcomed all representatives of local Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) and local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs).

Mr. Mogk mentioned the sign up sheet on the tables for those interested in visiting a Michigan Works! One Stop Service Center or a local WDB meeting. Marge Sorge was congratulated for being selected by Crain’s as one of Detroit’s “women to watch.”

It was reported that Matt Chambers will be relocating from Michigan to Utah and stepping down from the Council for Labor & Economic Growth (CLEG) on November 1. John Mogk thanked him for his work on the Council. Andy Levin spoke about Matt Chambers’ accomplishments on CLEG and thanked him for his service to the people of Michigan. Mr. Chambers was presented with a plaque of special recognition and appreciation for his commitment and contribution to

III. UPDATES

Review of Table Discussion on CLEG's Energy Role from 6/15/09 Quarterly Meeting

John Mogk reviewed the summary of answers gathered from the June 15, 2009 CLEG quarterly meeting.

- 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.

CLEG – through the Communications & Advocacy Committee and DELEG's workforce and energy bureaus will be compiling "messaging" materials for CLEG members to use in this way.

- Provide clarity and better communicate to the workforce what jobs will be created by the new green economy, the location of these jobs statewide, 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/or educational organizations)? Feature one or more model projects as examples of what works in matching new job opportunities with workers seeking employment.

The Green Partnership Team is the state's "Green" workforce group. It will include partners from regions where this work is taking place. Several CLEG members will also sit on the Green Partnership Team, and will be charged with conveying information to the group.

- Enlist the regional WDBs 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.

The State Energy Sector Partnership & Training Grant will include partnerships with local areas & regions, including several of our existing Regional Skills Alliances. They will play an active role in this work.

- 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. The message has to be clear, uniform and repeated.
- Describe how growth in the renewable energy sector can be leveraged with other sectors to maximize opportunities for the state, particularly in health care, education and government fields.

This is something the Supporting Key Industry Sectors & the Green Economy committee can explore as part of their charge.

- 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.

Skip Pruss talked about recent events in the area of renewable energy. He reported that Michigan received \$1.36 billion of 2.4 billion in available grant stimulus dollars for advanced energy storage technology companies. Twelve grants will enable these companies to break ground next month in Michigan and employ an estimated 7,000 people in new jobs in the advanced energy storage sector.

He reported the Ford Motor Company plant in Wixom, Michigan, is being repurposed for a company called Extreme Power, which will build 2000 megawatts of commercial storage capacity for wind and solar energy. The plant will also house a manufacturer of solar panels and solar cells.

Communications & Advocacy Committee Update

Marge Sorge updated members on the first meeting of the Communications & Advocacy committee and its proposed activities and plans for next steps. The CLEG Communication Plan Power Point Presentation can be viewed at the link below:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/CLEG_Communication_Plan_Power_Point_296814_7.pdf

IV. USDOL State Energy Sector Partnership & Training Grant

Jennifer Tebedo and Marcia Black-Watson provided an overview of the USDOL State Energy Sector Partnership & Training Grant.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/SESP_Summary_296807_7.pdf

CLEG will serve as an applicant for this grant in partnership with DELEG. Ms. Black-Watson reported that MWA's will be receiving a request for information asking to indicate how partners in their respective region can work together to reach the requirements of the grant. She explained the process that will be followed between now and the next CLEG meeting to develop and submit the application. This action does not require a formal vote at this time. When the grant application is finalized, the proposal will be reviewed by CLEG's Executive Committee in advance of its submission to USDOL.

V. Consent Agenda

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

- June 15, 2009 CLEG quarterly meeting minutes

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/June_15_2009_-_CLEG_Meeting_Minutes_-_FINAL_296798_7.pdf

- PY2008 Workforce Information Grant Progress Report

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant_Progress_Report_PY_2008_-_Michigan_296809_7.pdf

- PY2009 Workforce Information Grant

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/Workforce_Information_Grant_PY2009_Summary_for_CLEG_296811_7.pdf

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

VI. Michigan Works! Association Presentation – Sharing Best Practices: Entrepreneurship

Tom Kimble reported that one of the goals of the Maximizing System Effectiveness & Innovation Committee is to increase the coordination between the state Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the local WDBs, and to help CLEG members develop a better understanding of the local workforce system. A good way to begin that process is to present information on local best practices. Leadership from the Michigan Works! Association, as well as Michigan Works! The Job Force Board will present about an innovative partnership in their area to support entrepreneurs.

Luann Dunsford talked about the work of the Michigan Works! System and it's impact on the citizens of Michigan. She encouraged CLEG members to visit a Michigan Works! Service Center (MWSC), and showed a short video of highlights from the MWA Alumni Celebration. Orrin Bailey, Director of Michigan Works! The Job Force, and CLEG/Job Force Board Members, Paul Arsenault, CLEG member and Chair of the Six-County Employment Alliance Board, and Steve Balbierz, CLEG member and External Affairs Director of AT & T Michigan, talked about the co-location of the Small Business and Technical Development Center offices in the Marquette MWSC , and their region's strategy for support of small business & entrepreneurs. The Power Point presentation can be viewed at the link below:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdcd/The_Job_Force_Power_Point_296818_7.pdf

VII. Public Comment/Closing Remarks

John Mogk thanked the presenters and asked for any public comments or questions. He announced that the next CLEG meeting will be held on Monday, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. in Lansing.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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