



Employment Subgroup Meeting Minutes March 11, 2009

Items Relevant to Other Workgroups

None at this time.

Attendees

- Susan Hornfeld
- Michele Walker
- Kathy Bradley
- James Bunton
- David McConnell (PPA)

Discussion Items

Review Action Plan Actions and Outcomes

Action 1.1: Review employment resources and strategies for providing employment services

- Both Michele and Gaylyn are still talking to different organizations about best practices/promising approaches.
 - Michele has visited various places to see what they are doing and to get a feel for what types of approaches are out there.
 - Gaylyn has also gone on some site visits. She will be able to update the workgroup at the next meeting.
- The workgroup suggested that Trena Rusher from the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board might be an excellent resource for the team to learn more about best practices/promising approaches in employment services. Her assistant, Jenny Bivens would also be a valuable resource.
 - Michele is going to talk to Jenny Bivens and see what information she can provide.
- The timeline for this task should be extended until the second week of April to give the team some additional time to put together a list of best practices/promising approaches.
- Kathy Bradley would like to help with this task. She has offered to get some information about what is being done in the northern part of the state.

Action 1.2: Expand and strengthen provider networks

- Susan has been talking to MARO Employment and Training Association about getting best practices from employment providers.
- The MARO Spring Leadership Conference is June 3-5 in Traverse City; Susan might go and talk to some people there.
 - The focus of the conference is going to be on employment best practices and what the needs of the providers are, so it seems to be a great opportunity to learn what providers are doing.
 - James will be attending this conference as well.
- The team is going to put together some questions and each team member is going to do some research in their own area.
 - Camille is going to look at Region 8.

- Susan is going to do Region 7.
- Kathy will help with Region 1.
- Cindy will be looking at Region 2.
- Gaylyn is going to do Region 6.
- The timeline for this task will need to be moved back to mid-June or early July.

Action 1.3: Develop strategies for outreach on workforce development resources

- There was no update for this task.

Action 4.2: Develop strategies for overcoming transportation barriers

- This task team has not met yet.
- The timeline should be moved back to late May or early June.
- James will contact Diane Bonds to set a time for this team to meet.

New Assignments

- Kathy is going to join the task 1.1 team.
- Kathy is going to join the task 1.2 team.

Campaign E-Newsletter

- Not everybody has received the link to the newsletter.
 - David will forward this to everyone.
- The workgroup update could include a general request for best practices or innovative approaches.

Next Steps

- Homeless recovery act.
 - As part of the overall economic recovery package there is money coming in through MSHDA and HUD.
 - Michele is going to make some calls and try to find out some more information.

State-Level Update

- The date for the all-workgroup convening has been set for May 7, 2009. The meeting will take place at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.
- Michele will forward to save-the-date announcement to David, and David will forward it to the rest of the group.

Tasks Assigned

- All task teams should try to meet at least once before next meeting and continue to work on their tasks. Teams should be prepared to update the workgroup on their progress.
- David will send the workgroup an updated contact list, a link to the e-newsletter, and a copy of the save-the-date for the all-workgroup convening.

Next Meeting

- The next subgroup meeting is Wednesday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m.