

CLEG Low Wage Worker Advancement Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes and Action Log

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<p>Meeting Date & attendance Frank Lopez Taryn MacFarlane Adriana Nichols Mitch Tomlinson Sharon Parks ***** Marcia Black-Watson Matt Chambers Vicki Enright Don Mussen Marti Welsh</p>	<p>Matt Chambers gave an overview of his committee’s work- they continue to get signatures for the Business Solutions document. Their committee is now delving into the soft skills that are necessary for employees to be successful at work. Matt also suggested that the Council might consider ways it can support the continued expansion of 211- the free phone number to access information on services. Could the Council become champions of a statewide initiative to ensure that 211 is rolled out everywhere? Matt will discuss with the executive committee.</p> <p>Mitch Tomlinson gave an overview of our committee’s work. The group then discussed how 211 supports the efforts of the Low Wage Worker’s Committee work. The group talked about how 211 can support further uptake of the EITC.</p> <p>Vicki Enright gave a quick update on the Industry Sector Committee- they are focused on three areas: healthcare, alternative energy, and manufacturing.</p>	<p>Matt Chambers will discuss with other Council committees the idea of Council championship of 211</p>
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<p>12/4/2006</p> <p>Members present: Mitch Tomlinson Sharon Parks Lena Barkley Janet Dunnage Frank Lopez Julie MacFarland</p>	<p>CAP Objective 1: Advocate for system and policy changes tied to the implementation of the JET pilots.</p> <p>Don Mussen gave an overview of the JET expansion and answered specific questions from the committee. Expanded sites-, which will cover 50% of the FIP caseload-, have gone “live” in December. The state will pay for services to 2 parent families and for folks applying for SSI- removing these populations from federal TANF participation count helps the state meet its federal participation goals. In addition, the state will provide a small \$10 grant to participants for 6 months after securing work, which also helps to increase participation and provides post-work support. While the number of</p>	<p>CSW will share evaluation information with committee at next meeting in 2007.</p>

<p>Don Mussen Adriana Nichols Taryn MacFarlane</p>	<p>sanction cases has increased, Don believes this result is due to better follow-through on folks who were in non-compliance rather than actual increase in the number of people who are in non-compliance. The triage process is very effective in increasing Michigan Works' staff understanding of the implications of sanctions and in generating a plan with the client for compliance. The state is also reorganizing its human services staff to decrease caseloads for FIP workers to only be cash assistance cases, with a target of 100 cases for every caseworker. Committee members asked if there was anything specific the committee could do at this point to help; Don indicated that if you as an employer wanted to forge closer relationships with your local DHS office to contact him. Results: Don will continue to give updates at every meeting. Explore inviting JET pilot site staff to Detroit vulnerable worker forum.</p> <p>CAP Objective 2: Employer engagement strategy First forum held in Lansing in September 2006. Refinements to model currently underway. Status for Detroit event: 30% completed at this stage, on target.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date secured for March 7, 2006. Exact time tbd. • Employer host: confirmed CVS. • Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor: confirmed. • Facilitator: confirmed, secured ACCESS of Grand Rapids • Invitation: in draft stage, to be completed by mid January. Invitation list: under development, to be completed by end January. <p>Status for Benton Harbor: 10% completed. Target to occur: spring 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employer host: secured. Alliance for World Class Communities and Whirlpool • Facilitator: under discussion to secure. Saundra Austin Johnson meeting with MSU extension staff 12/06. <p>Discussion on other sites: CSW is pursuing possible funding for the employer engagement strategy and Adriana sought the committee's input on additional sites.</p>	<p>Put March 7, 2005 on calendar and make plans to attend event in Detroit.</p>
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	<p>The committee suggested the Flint/Saginaw area. However, we currently have no committee members from that area which impacts our strategy since we use local employers from the committee to serve as hosts. Result: CSW will find out if there is a council member from that area who may be interested in serving as a host.</p> <p>CAP Objective #3: Advocate for system and policy changes that will support access to affordable and high quality early childcare and education for working parents and families.</p> <p>Committee discussed that no action has been taken on this objective to date. Desire to talk with Hubert and rest of committee to see what we want to do. Possible action: ask staff from Early Childhood Investment Corporation to one of the committee meetings to provide an update on activities and opportunities for engagement. Result: place on agenda at next meeting item to discuss next steps on this objective.</p> <p>Discussion on 2007 committee meeting schedule:</p> <p>CSW staff presented possible committee schedule for Jan-March. Committee discussed optimal timing of meetings. Desire to meet in person at least once a quarter in conjunction with CLEG meetings. Value meeting in person on other times and dates if outside speaker coming in but need to balance with other commitments. Some committee members said asking for monthly phone meetings are too much, but others did not. Result: Would like a full 2007 schedule of meetings to consider at next meeting, with an outcome/goal defined for each meeting.</p>	<p>Discuss objective at next committee meeting</p> <p>CSW staff will draw up draft 2007 meeting schedule for committee consideration.</p>
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