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To: Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) Directors

From: Joseph Billig, Division Administrator **SIGNED**
Targeted Services Division
Workforce Development Agency

Subject: Refugee Navigator Pilot Program

Programs Affected: All Michigan Talent Investment Agency/Workforce Development Agency (TIA/WDA) programs administered by select MWAs

References: The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, Public Law 113-128 (29 United States Code Section 3101, *et. seq.*)

Refugee Settlement Program, Federal Register, 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 400 and 401

Background: The TIA previously identified \$340,000 in Appropriation Year (AY) 2016 WIOA Statewide Activities funds and \$200,000 in General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP) funds, for total funding of \$540,000, to support the placement of four Refugee Navigators within Michigan Works! One-Stop Service Centers in Kent, Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties on a pilot basis. These four counties were chosen as they are currently experiencing the largest influx of refugees. The intent of this pilot is to assist all work-authorized immigrants, with overcoming language barriers, lack of a documented educational and employment history, and other barriers to employment and their successful integration into Michigan's economy. This policy change extends the AY 2016 Statewide Activity funding to September 30, 2018.

Policy: The AY 2016 WIOA Statewide activity funding has been extended to September 30, 2018 for Macomb/St. Clair, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, and West Michigan. Oakland has expended their funds and will not require an extension. The GF/GP funds previously awarded by PI 17-10 are not affected by this change.

Action: The affected MWAs have submitted the revised Budget Information Summary and Grant Action Notices have been generated and no further action is required.

Inquiries: Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Ms. Harris by telephone at 517-241-0092 or via email at Harris@michigan.gov.

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