

**MINUTES OF THE  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Education and Training Committee**, held Wednesday, February 4, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

D. Flynn-Chair, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, Doherty, Mijac,  
Mocerri, Rengert, Sprys and Gielegem (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair D. Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Doherty, to adopt the agenda, as amended to include #7a. **The Motion Carried.**

**HIGHER EDUCATION PRESENTATION: OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**

Ms. Mary Otto, Vice-President of Outreach for Oakland University, and Dr. Albert Lorenzo, Executive in Residence, provided an overview about Oakland University, its students, programs and staffing and recent investment and initiatives in the county.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the report provided by Ms. Otto and Dr. Lorenzo.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, D. Flynn and Sprys.

Chair D. Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

**MICHIGAN WORKS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT/JOHN BIERBUSSE**

Mr. Bierbusse overviewed the information that was distributed: labor force statistics for December and annually, facility and plant closures, employment service registrations, visits to Michigan Works service centers in 2008, economic recovery proposal, annual accounts of funding sources, information on the Macomb/St. Clair Workforce Development Board, program definitions, 2008-09 catalog of services and growth occupations.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the report provided by Mr. Bierbusse.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Mijac, Rengert, Bruley and Sprys.

Chair D. Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **REPORT ON MACOMB COUNTY REFERENCE & RESEARCH CENTER/ SANDY CASAMER**

Ms. Sandy Casamer, Assistant Director of Macomb County Reference and Research Center, and Mr. Ahmad Ezzeddine, Associate Vice-President of Educational Outreach and International Programs at Wayne State University, spoke about some of the changes that will be occurring.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Moceri, supported by Doherty, to receive and file the report provided by Ms. Casamer and Mr. Ezzeddine.

The following commissioners spoke: Rengert, Bruley and Sprys.

Chair D. Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN HOURS AT MACOMB COUNTY REFERENCE & RESEARCH CENTER, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM SANDY CASAMER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE MACOMB COUNTY REFERENCE AND RESEARCH CENTER, TO CHANGE HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AS OUTLINED IN A JANUARY 28, 2009 CORRESPONDENCE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **MSU EXTENSION DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROGRAM UPDATE/MARILYN RUDZINSKI**

Ms. Marilyn Rudzinski, MSU Extension Director, highlighted programming updates that were distributed.

Ms. Anne Lilla, Housing Coordinator, gave a presentation on foreclosure, which included statistics, causes, advice and available programs and workshops.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Sprys, to receive and file the reports provided by Ms. Rudzinski and Ms. Lilla.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Rengert, Mijac and Bruley.

Chair D. Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

**AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT HOUSING COUNSELING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE MSU EXTENSION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE FOR \$5,000 TO SUPPORT THE HOUSING COUNSELING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR MACOMB COUNTY FAMILIES FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009; A PART-TIME COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CLERK WILL BE HIRED TO SUPPORT THE NEW PROGRAM AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Mijac, to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**