

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
September 17, 2002

WDB Chair Joe Herdus called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. at Schoolcraft HighSchool, 551 East Lyon street, Schoolcraft, Michigan.

WDB Members Present: Thom Brennan (PS), Lynne Centa (MRS), Marcia Durant (UA), Susan Einspahr (PS), Lisa Godfrey (PS), Joe Herdus (PS), Myra Johnson (PS), Chris Kadulski (FIA), Ellen Kisinger-Rothi (CBO), Jerry Love (PS), Linda Marcon (PS), Mary Oudsema (PS), Pat Pangburn (PS), Marilyn Potgiesser (PS), Suprotik Stotz-Ghosh (CBO).
Total WDB membership 28, attendance 15 (54%, PS-67%)
Executive Committee membership 9, attendance 8 (89%, PS-100%)

MWA Staff Present: Peter Battani, Kathy Olsen, Jan Smith, Kara Stewart, Robert Straits, Bridget Timmeney, Linda Whitlock

Guests Present: Galyn Barnum (Goodwill), John Dillworth (Goodwill), Marke Fricke (Clear Broadcasting), Maureen Gallagher (MRC), Iris Goodhall, John Johnson (Goodwill), Denis King (Goodwill), Ty Madge (Goodwill Industries), Marty McGee (MRC), Jack Mekemsom (Goodwill), Helen Welsh (ETC), Dick VanderWeyden (KPS)

I. Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2002 and Meeting Notes of May 8, 2002.

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2002 and the meeting notes of May 8, 2002.
Marilyn Potgiesser Support: Jerry Love. **Vote:** Unanimously approved.

II. Commitment to Excellence Awards - Chair Joe Herdus presented the Kalamazoo-St. Joseph WDB's annual awards of excellence to two individuals for their outstanding commitment to excellence in serving customers. This year's recipients were John Johnson, Goodwill Industries Non-Custodial Parent Program and Linda Snyder, Goodwill Industries, PAL Program.

III. Youth Initiatives Project

Marty McGee and Maureen Gallagher from MRC Industries reported that MRC has been in the business of helping individuals with developmental disabilities for a number of years. In the last five years MRC has developed work programs for this population. More recently, MRC opened The Corner Club to assist young people with mental illness or with symptoms of mental illness. Services are provided to assist these youth to successfully transition into adulthood. Funds received for the new youth initiative will support providing services to a targeted group of youth who are high school dropouts. The program is designed to move this population back into the educational process, teach job seeking skills, offer positive role models and offer an opportunity to develop positive peer relationships.

IV. Next Meeting - The next full board meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date.

V. Adjournment - With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Joe Herdus at 8:30 a.m.

Robert A. Straits

Date

Joseph P. Herdus

Date