

MCSSA STANDARD OF LIVING/HOUSNG/EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2007 MEETING

MCSSA

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<u>Those Participating</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>District</u>
Mike Williams	Branch	IV
Wayne Peterson	Hillsdale	IV
Brian Marcotte	DLEG	
Jamie Cripe	MCSSA	
Shelley Jipson-Lomax	MCSSA	

I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:35 PM by Co-Chair, Wayne Peterson

II. Disposition of Minutes of November 27, 2007  
Mike Williams moved to approve. Seconded. Motion carried.

III. DLEG Report – Brian Marcotte

Brian and DLEG's DIT staff are still working with DHS Bridges and Deloit staff. They are trying to identify problems with the statewide rollout. People being referred without having had their time expire are an issue to be corrected. When clients move from one county to another we find that they are not reporting to the MWA in the new county and they have been terminated in the "home" county.

Brian has been working with two groups on the participation rates. They are trying to find ways to increase participation and reduce the number on the fall out report. This report identifies individuals coded as Work First, but who have never shown up to be entered into the one stop system.

Michigan must meet 50 % participation for 2008. There is a meeting on December 19 to review JET plan reviews. The implementation plans have been trickling in and they will be approved or denied tomorrow.

Local support services transfer of dollars have hit a snag in the accounting terminology in the interagency agreement. The DLEG financial office is working with DHS, but the interagency progress has been stalled. This affects MRS referrals, small pilot agreements, etc.

Last month Brian reported on policy problems, including the EFIP recipients and whether or not they have to participate fully or if once they become EFIP their requirements are met and there is no resolution yet.

There have been many meetings on the participation rate, both the electronic report and the hours fed into it from the one stop system. DHS has provided additional information and DLEG can now print the reports from their own office.

Laurie Covelle's unit and Don Mussen's unit are meeting weekly to be sure documentation for participation is accurate.

Mike commented on the issue of people moving from one county to another. Is there any way for Work First to report to a county that a person has moved into their county? If an individual never shows up then is the new MWA responsible for tracking the individual down? A resolution is being sought but the person heading it up has retired and the issue fell through the cracks but has been brought to the surface again because of Bridges. Not only are there different MWAs, but there may be different service providers as well.

IV. DHS Report – Pam Hartenburg was unable to attend.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Legislative Priorities

If we embrace the umbrella of prevention, energy-efficient housing and certainly SER can fall under the umbrella as a means of preventing PS intervention. Using SER to reinforce prevention will be used. Mike reported several clients have already exhausted their heating allowance.

VI. New Business

A. Legislation

1. HBs 4675-4678 – (4675) Requires that Michigan catastrophic claims association comply with Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts. Tie-barred to HB 4676. (4676) Makes Michigan catastrophic claims association subject to the Open Meetings Act. Tie-barred to HB 4675. (4677) Requires annual audit of Michigan catastrophic claims association. (4678) Increases membership on the Michigan catastrophic claims association board. Mike Williams moved to support the bills. Seconded. Motion carried.
2. SB 662 – This bill makes the Michigan EITC conditional upon the rainy day fund having \$250M. Mike Williams moved to oppose. Seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Jipson-Lomax

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MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2008

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to order at 1:30 PM
- II. Disposition of the minutes of December 18, 2007  
Agenda update
- III. Reports
  - A. Brian Marcotte – DLEG
  - B. Pam Hartenburg – DHS
- IV. Unfinished Business
  - A. Legislative Priorities
- V. New Business
  - A. Legislation
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- VI. Adjournment