



MAINE JOBS COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT; Phil Dionne, Commissioner Laura Fortman, Mel Clarrage, Judy West, Chris Kuhn, Joanne Russell, Sharon Barker, Ester Clennott, Mark Ouellette, Ryan Pellitier, Sarah Standiford, Greg Dugal, Craig Larrabee, Chris Hastedt, Meg Harvey, Joanne Harris, Susan Swanton, Paul Williamson, Garret Oswald, Steve Pound (by phone)

PROXY VOTES; Linda Smith, Jeanne Paquette, Lisa Martin, Denise Nemeth-Greenleaf, Gerard Salvo, Bryant Hoffman, Jeff Fantine, Susan Gigere, Ed Clift, Don Berry, Gary McGrane, Antionette Mancusi

GUESTS; , Mel Arsenault, Jeannie Coltart, Sean Mckenna, Sydney Perkins, Bill Hurwitch, John Dorrer, Josh Howe, Gene Ellis, Elise Scala, Fen Fowler, Carol Donnell, Peaches Bass, Liz Ray, Paul Luce

Phil Dionne, Chair, opened the meeting with welcomes and introductions, followed by a brief history of MJC. Phil also spoke about the shift proposed in the recommendations.

Next Up was a presentation by Bill Hurwitch about the new \$7.3 M Student Longitudinal Data System grant that the Department of Education has just received. John Dorrer followed with a presentation concerning the \$1M grant opportunity that Labor will be applying for, that will compliment the SLDS. Both of these tools will support the recommendation for a Workforce Development System Report Card.

Mel Arsenault gave a presentation about the results of the Federal Monitoring. Two of Maine's LWIBS have been placed in High Risk Grantee status based on the findings. Questions about the results and implications were deferred to the new WIA Policy committee that will meet on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

After a break, Garret Oswald gave a presentation about the four Recommendations developed by the MJC Members in May. The Four Recommendations are;

- 1- A shift in Focus for the MJC
- 2- A Workforce Development System Report Card
- 3- Sector Strategies to Develop Occupational Skills
- 4- Connecting Education and Workforce Development to Economic Development.

After some discussion about each recommendation, a motion was made by Susan Swanton to approve the Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Joanne Harris (and Mel Clarrage). The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the recommendations, with the exception of one member abstaining (Antionette Mancusi). MJC staff will begin working on implementation strategies for the recommendations.

The next MJC Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2010

The next full Council meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2010

Respectfully submitted by Garret Oswald.