Present; Phil Dionne, Gail Dyer, Mel Arsenault, Steve Pound, Meg Harvey, Mark Ouellette, Sharon Barker, Mel Clarrage, Antionette Mancusi, Susan Giguere, Chris Hastedt, Craig Larabee, Gary McGrane, Dan Muth, Joanna Russell, Gerard Salvo, Jeff Sneddon, Sarah Standiford, Susan Swanton, Richelle Wallace, Paul Williamson, Commissioner Laura Fortman

Guests; Paul Luce, Joan Dolan, Ginny Carroll, Charles Dwyer, David Klein, Peaches Bass, Bill Hurwitch, Besty Hopkins, Karen Kleim, Carol Donnell

Phil Dionne opened the meeting with welcomes and introductions. Next, the MJC meeting minutes from 6/25 were approved (Motion G Salvo, second by Susan Giguere) with one change; Antionette Mancusi should be listed with the proxy votes (from Mike Bourret) and voted to abstain regarding the four recommendations.

Bill Hurwitch gave a demonstration of the new Student Longitudinal Data System that is now up and running. Even with the pushback by Local School Boards regarding the collection of Social Security numbers, many parents have provided the numbers for data base use. MDOL is waiting to hear about the High Quality Data Initiative grants which will dovetail with SLDS to combine education records with DOL employment/wage records.

Next up was a discussion about the WIA Incentive Policy Amendment. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Fortman suggested that a group be formed to address this issue; MDOL, BES, LWIBs, and MJC. Phil Dionne agree to this suggestion.

Last up on the agenda was a panel discussion about State Sector Strategies. The panel included presenters from the Federal Level (Brian Whittney from Senator Snow’s office, Eric Seleznow and Rachel Gragg, National Skills Coalition) the state level (Glen Mills CWRI, Mark Ouellette DECD) and the local level (Susan Swanton, MMTA and WIRED Co-Chair). The panel discussion was meant as a Sectors Strategies 101 training, as the
Council begins work on developing recommendations for State Sector Strategies for the next administration.

Respectfully submitted by Garret Oswald.