



# Policy Committee Minutes

June 3, 2009

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## Call to order

- ❖ Jan Wasson, Chair

## Agenda Items

- ❖ Approve Board Resolution #06-03-2009-02: Policy Committee minutes from the 04/01/09 meeting.

*Motion to approve minutes: Lynn Shock*

*Second: Sherry Keys-Hebron*

*All approved; motion passed.*

- ❖ **P7-802: Needs-Based Payments**

This draft has been through public comment. It is for the life of the Stimulus money. This is a list of expanded services that counties asked for guidance on. It is a form of supportive services that can serve more people. It is less restrictive than the Needs-Related Payments policy. Clients do need to be enrolled in intensive services in order to be eligible for Needs-Based Payments.

*Motion to recommend to the Board: Lynn Shock*

*Second: Carol Owen*

*All approved; motion passed.*

- ❖ Administrative guidelines (FYIs, do not require policy committee action):

- AG-800: Youth Providers Under ARRA: Youth providers normally need to be approved by the Youth Committee and Board, but because of the time restraints on the stimulus money, counties needed to get started right away. This AG allowed sub-grantees to move forward and turn in a list of providers for approval at today's Board meeting.
- AG-508: Capitalization of Businesses: Counties can capitalize businesses for participants who want to be entrepreneurs up to \$5,000 through regular funds, not ARRA funds. This is for equipment in addition to ITA training. Capitalization customers need to attend entrepreneur training and have an approved business plan.
- AG-801: Expanded Services Under ARRA: This AG amplifies what supportive services can be provided with Stimulus funds over the normal available services.

- ❖ **P7-501: Self-Sufficiency**

An employed adult participant can be enrolled in WIA to receive intensive and supportive services if they are not self-sufficient. The self-sufficient policy sets the limit amount at 200% of the federal poverty level. Self-sufficiency does not apply to unemployed people.

❖ **P7-502: Individual Training Accounts (ITA)**

There were more changes than just referring back to Self-Sufficiency policy and family sufficiency. Rather than limit an ITA to 24 months, it is being changed to limit ITAs to two-year programs or the last two years of a four-year program. This will put go out for comment.

❖ **P7-600: Youth Barrier Criteria**

We need to add “lack of work readiness” as a barrier. WIA provides a list of barriers that youth have to meet. The 6th barrier is the participant “requires additional assistance”. We can add “lack of work readiness” as a barrier that counties can use to meet “requires additional assistance”. The committee chose to remove barrier #14 from the WIA list. In order to consider this one necessary barrier for ARRA funds only, we will write policy P7-803. It will go out for review.

❖ **P7-103: Conflict of Interest**

This does apply to Area 7 Board members and Area 7 staff; “public official” has been defined further. A section on procurement of public contracts was added; anyone on a rating team needs to sign a disclosure statement. It follows the guidelines on Ohioethics.com and is ready for public comment.

*Motion to approve four policies for public comment: John Bridenbaugh*

*Second: Roxane Somerlot*

*All approved; motion passed*

Roxane Somerlot is a new member to the committee.

The committee lost a member when Chuck Fuller passed away.