

U.S. Department of Labor

Employment and Training Administration
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Boston, Massachusetts 02203



Reply to the Attention of: 1TGCA-3

18 AUG 1981

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

In Government, all too often people comment only on the negative and not when something good happens. For that reason, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your CETA staff for a job well done over the past several months.

As you know, earlier this year, it became necessary to reduce FY '81 allocations for the two public service employment (PSE) titles operated by your CETA staff. This reduction was part of the overall Federal budget revision and, in the case of your prime sponsor, necessitated the termination of 249 people from your Title II D and VI public jobs programs. As a result of this, you and your staff were urged in the strongest possible terms to take all necessary action to either place into permanent jobs those persons so affected or to transfer them to other CETA funded activity for further training as a means of making them more employable in the job market.

The purpose of this letter is to commend you and your staff for a good job done to date and to provide you with a status report analyzing your performance to date. As of June 30, 1981, your reports show the following results:

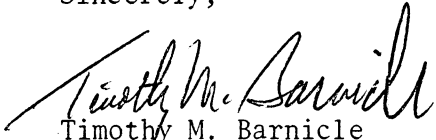
Total Terminations	220
Total Placements	123
Total Transfers to Training	49
Additional Positive Terminations	9
Other Terminations	39
Still enrolled in II D/VI	269

Thus, your overall "success" rate which we call the "positive termination rate" is 82%, and of all those terminated 56% were placed versus planned rates for the phasedown (April through September) of 72% and 56% accordingly. This record of success compares well with the Regional levels of 69% positive terminations and 57% entered employment and is an accomplishment of which you and your staff can be justifiably proud.

As the phaseout continues and funds diminish, it is expected that significant numbers of participants will be entering the non-paid "hold" status as efforts are continued to find suitable employment prior to termination. Historically, this group has not fared as well as other participants moving directly from a public service job to unsubsidized employment. In order to maintain your commendable record to date, it will be necessary to target this group for a concerted job placement effort prior to termination.

I encourage you to continue your efforts so that those persons still remaining in the program will be served in as successful a manner as those who have benefitted from the reemployment effort over the past several months.

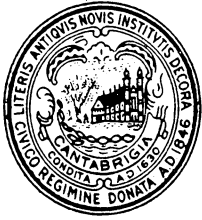
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy M. Barnicle".

Timothy M. Barnicle
Regional Administrator
for Employment and Training

cc: Ms. Marlene Seltzer

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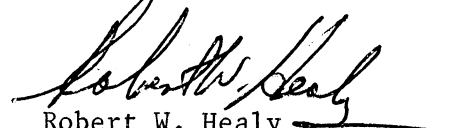
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

September 14, 1981

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith for your information a copy of a communication received from the U. S. Department of Labor, dated August 18, 1981, congratulating the City and the CETA staff for a job well done.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Agenda # 7 - 427

Congratulatory letter from the U.S. Department of Labor concerning the staff of CETA

In City Council,

September 14, 1981

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