

**10. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
2009 SUMMER YOUTH WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

One of the major provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is the creation of a summer work experience program for in-school and out-of-school youth between the ages of 14 and 24, who meet the eligibility requirements of the Workforce investment Act (WIA).

Opportunity, Inc. (our regional Workforce Development Agency) will pass an allocated share of the ARRA funding to member jurisdictions for their use in operating a 2009 summer work experience program. Participating communities are responsible for all aspects of the program including recruitment, eligibility determination, worksite identification and development of job descriptions, youth and worksite supervisor orientation, time documentation and payroll, records maintenance and reporting, etc.

The program will run for 8 weeks at 35 hours a week @\$7.25/hr. for a total wage of \$2,030 per youth. Southampton County expects to receive sufficient funding to enroll thirteen (13) summer youth workers in the program.

Mr. Randolph is in the process of planning the details of the program (recruitment, eligibility determination, worksite identification, etc.) and will assume general responsibility for running the program this summer.

In order to access the federal funding for the program, Southampton County is required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Opportunity, Inc., a copy of which is attached for your consideration. The MOU defines the scope of activity, the reporting requirements, the payment provisions and the records retention responsibilities.

MOTION REQUIRED:

If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to authorize the County Administrator to execute the attached MOU.