

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
CONSORTIUM BOARD
MARCH 24, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Richard Byrne
Kim Coonan
Eddie Foxx

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Graham
Eugene Gwizdala
Carl Ruth
Robert Woods, Jr.
Patrick Wurtzel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Basil
Thomas Hickner
Howard Schoenherr

MWA STAFF

Ed Oberski
Ray Ogden
Rose Onan

GUESTS

George Wright, Arnold Center
Grace Burger, Bangor Twp Schools
James Leigh, Midland County Commissioner

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER

Rose Marie McQuaid, Consortium Board Chairperson, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Midland Michigan Works! Service Center, McQuaid Room, 1409 Washington, Midland, Michigan.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no additional items.

ITEM #4: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Richard Byrne moved; supported by James Graham:

To approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board minutes dated February 25, 2008.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS

Grace Burger was introduced as the new JET Program Manager at Bangor Township Schools. She replaces Carol Dwan who recently retired.

ITEM #7: PRESENTATION

Ed Oberski gave an update on the two-year strategic plan, and achievement of plan goals as well as the Roles, Responsibilities and Strategic Intent of the Workforce Development Board.

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Carl Ruth:

To receive and file Item #7.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #8: COMMUNICATIONS

- A. February 5, 2008 Workforce Development Board meeting minutes
The Board reviewed the February 5, 2008 Workforce Development Board minutes.

Richard Byrne moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

To receive and file Item #8-A.

Motion passed by voice vote.

- B. Article from Governing Magazine February 2008 entitled "Is Welfare Working?"
The Board reviewed the Article from Governing Magazine February 2008 entitled "Is Welfare Working?"

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by James Graham:

To receive and file Item #8-B.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #9: REPORTS

- A. Fiscal Report
The Board reviewed the monthly Fiscal reports.
- B. Program Report
 - 1. General Program
The Board reviewed the monthly JET, Employment Service, and WIA performance reports.
 - 2. Friend of the Court Referral Program
The Board reviewed the monthly Friend of The Court reports.

C. Director's Report

Director Oberski reviewed the chart entitled "Unemployment Variance from State Unemployment Years 2004-2007 by Quarters".

Governor Granholm's proposed state budget includes \$40 million for the No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) program. Of that amount, \$5 million has been targeted to fund basic education skills, \$5 million to community colleges for capacity building, and \$30 million to the Michigan Works! System. This bill has passed the House and will be going to the Senate for approval.

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported to Carl Ruth:

To receive and file the Director's Report.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM#10: ACTION ITEMS:

It was reported that the Workforce Development Board terminated the contract of the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI) Community Coordinator. A position will be created within the Michigan Works! Administrative office to perform MRPI Community Coordinator job functions. Michigan Works! has assigned a staff person to perform those duties in the interim.

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Robert Woods:

To receive and file the information received.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM #11: ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Richard Byrne:

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.