

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD
MINUTES
January 23, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Thomas Basil
Robert Blaine
Richard Bryne
Eugene Gwizdala
Carl Ruth
Terry Sangster
Howard Schoenherr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ernie Krygier
Thomas Hickner
Tim Novak
Robert Woods Jr.

STAFF

Ed Oberski
Pat Washburn
Katie Kindred
Jeff Jankens

GUESTS

Carol Dwan, Bangor Schools
Linda Caprathe, SVRC
Andrea Bridgewater, ACI
Bill LaMere, MW! BST

Sallivia Brown, APT
Robert Wainwright, APT
Daniel Centellas, SVRC
Clark Volz, MCEA

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Rose Marie McQuaid, Chairperson of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, The Eugene Gwizdala Room, North Pointe Plaza, 4061 N. Euclid, Bay City, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

The Consortium Board members listed as present were in attendance.

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NACO 2005 Health, Human & Workforce Conference Report was added as Item 7-D under Communications.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by Terry Sangster, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

That the minutes for November 7, 2005 of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board are approved.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience expressed no comments.

ITEM#6 INTRODUCTIONS

Former Consortium Board member, Robert Blaine, was introduced as a new member.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG LABOR MARKET INFORMATION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2005

The Board reviewed the Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), Labor Market Information Report for October 2005.

B. THIS WEEK @ MEDC NOVEMBER 12, 2005 ARTICLES: SAGINAW BASED HAUSBECK PICKLE CHOOSES MICHIGAN OVER INDIANA FOR EXPANSION AND MEDC JOB TRAINING GRANT TO BOOST WORKER SKILLS AT CASE SYSTEMS IN MIDLAND

The Board reviewed the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) reports for November 12, 2005 that Hausbeck Pickle will undertake an expansion in Saginaw over Indiana, and regarding an MEDC Job Training Grant to boost worker skills at case systems in Midland.

C. SAMPLE LETTERS FROM CONSORTIUM BOARD TO FEDERAL LEGISLATORS REGARDING MEDICAID CUTS AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

The Board reviewed two letters from the Consortium Board to our U.S. Representatives and Senators in opposition to the proposed cuts to Medicaid programs and regarding the need for healthcare reforms. In addition, the Board reviewed a response letter that was received from Congressman Dave Camp.

D. NACO 2005 HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICE & WORKFORCE CONFERENCE REPORT

The Director and Consortium Board members who attended the NACO Health, Human Service and Workforce Conference reported on the conference.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the monthly reports.

2. FRIEND OF THE COURT PERFORMANCE

The Consortium Board reviewed the monthly reports for Saginaw and Bay FOC.

3. AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 12, 2005 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Board reviewed the awards presented at the Annual Dinner Meeting that was held on December 12, 2005, at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU).

4. WIRED PROPOSAL

It was reported that the U.S. Department of Labor initiative, Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) issued a solicitation for grant applications in November 2005 for federal funding up to three (3) years. The grant applications were due in by January 5, 2006. There are 8-10 grants to be selected nationwide. Each governor can submit three (3) applications. The grant applications for this area were submitted, and it is expected that we will hear from them in February 2006.

5. GENERAL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR LARGE LAYOFFS

It was reported that the Workforce Development Board (WDB) directed the Michigan Works! staff to prepare a contingency plan in case this area is subject to a large layoff.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REVIEW AND RECEIVE WDB ACTION TO FUND INCUMBENT WORKER PROPOSALS

The Workforce Development Board (WDB) at its regular meeting approved three incumbent worker-training contracts with Delta College for \$13,000 for Bay City Power Train workers, \$73,000 for Saginaw Metal Castings Operations workers, and \$9,000 for Pilgrim Technologies, LLC workers.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Robert Blaine:

That the Consortium Board review and receive the action taken by the Workforce Development Board at its January 3, 2006 meeting.

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REVIEW AND RECEIVE WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS SERVICES TEAM BUSINESS PLAN

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Richard Byrne:

That the Consortium Board review and receive WDB Executive Committee action to approve the Business Services Team Business Plan.

Motion passed by voice vote.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REVIEW AND RECEIVE DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION AND WDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION TO INCREASE CONTRACTOR BUDGET'S FOR PARTICIPANT TRAINING

It was reported that between WDB Executive Committee action and Director's discretion, contractor budgets for participant training have been increased as follows: SVRC WIA Adult in Saginaw for \$90,000; SVRC Saginaw WIA Dislocated Worker for \$15,000; Arnold Center Bay WIA Adult for \$95,000; Arnold Center Bay WIA Dislocated Worker for \$47,000; and Arnold Center Midland WIA Adult for \$90,000.

Motion by Robert Blaine, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

That the Consortium Board review and receive WDB Executive Committee action and director's discretion action to increase contractor budgets for participant training.

Motion passed by voice vote.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH MEETING CALENDAR THROUGH JANUARY 2007

Motion by Raymond Bartels, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

That the recommended meeting schedule included as Item 10-D in the agenda package be accepted.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #11 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Eugene Gwizdala moved to nominate Rose Marie McQuaid as Chairperson, supported by Richard Byrne. No other nominations were received from the floor.

Through voice vote the Board elected Rose Marie McQuaid as Chairperson by unanimous acclamation.

Robert Blaine moved to nominate Eugene Gwizdala as Vice-Chairperson, supported by Howard Schoenherr. No other nominations were received from the floor.

Through voice vote the Board elected Eugene Gwizdala as Vice-Chairperson by unanimous acclamation.

ITEM #12 ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Thomas Basil:

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.