

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!  
CONSORTIUM BOARD  
NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rose Marie McQuaid  
Raymond Bartels  
Richard Byrne  
Ann Doyle  
Eddie Foxx  
James Graham

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eugene Gwizdala  
Ernie Krygier  
Carl Ruth  
Howard Schoenherr  
Robert Woods, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Thomas Basil  
Thomas Hickner

**MWA STAFF**

Ed Oberski  
Ray Ogden  
Rose Onan  
Ken Kurecka  
Darlene Kalahar

**GUESTS**

George Wright, Arnold Center  
Carol Dwan, Bangor Twp Schools  
Grace Burger, Bangor Twp Schools  
Julie Malesky, Delphi Corporation  
Terry King, WDB  
Laura Hamilton, WDB

**GUESTS**

Lynette Collins, Delta Corporate  
Michael Shea, Arnold Center  
Rick Burmeister, Midland DHS  
David Scott, Midland DHS  
Marks Stevens, Midland DHS  
Bill Lamere, SVRC Industries

**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**

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Ernie Krygier:**

To approve the agenda.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #4: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES**

**Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Ernie Krygier:**

To approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board minutes dated September 24, 2007.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

**ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**ITEM #7: PRESENTATION**

- a. Delphi H-1B project by Julie Malesky, Delphi Corporation

Julie Malesky, Delphi Corporation, gave a presentation on the H-1B project.

Director Oberski credited the following for their role in the Delphi H-1B project: Dennis Brieske, Leslie Roth, Pat Washburn, and Darlene Kalahar.

**ITEM#8: COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. September 4, 2007 Workforce Development Board meeting minutes

The Board reviewed the September 4, 2007 Workforce Development Board minutes.

- B. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for September, 2007

The Board reviewed the DLEG Labor Market Information Report for September, 2007.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Richard Byrne:**

To receive and file Items 8-A and 8-B.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ITEM#9: REPORTS**

- A. Fiscal Report

The Board reviewed the September 2007 fiscal reports.

**Carl Ruth moved, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

To receive and file the Fiscal Report.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

- B. Program Report

- 1. General Program

The Board reviewed the monthly Work First, Employment Service, and WIA performance reports.

2. Friend of the Court Referral Program  
The Board reviewed the monthly Friend of The Court reports.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Eddie Foxx:**

To receive and file Items 8-B-1 and 8-B-2.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

#### C. Director's Report

The Board was reminded that there is no December meeting.

The federal funding bill that provided funds for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs was vetoed. Congress is working on a domestic spending bill that will restore much of the funding eliminated by the Administration's proposed budget, but not be vetoed by the President.

Current proposed federal funding bills contain a significant rescission of current year WIA program funds. If the rescission passes as proposed, our current local July 07 – June 08 funding could be reduced by as much as \$400,000.

Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! is the fiscal agent for local implementation of the Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Program Initiative (MPRI). The program is funded through the Michigan Department of Corrections. An MPRI Request for Proposals for Workforce Development, Life Skills Training and Case Management Services will be released on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

Commissioner Foxx questioned contract language regarding contractors not able to talk to elected officials or the Michigan Works! Association. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the contract language was meant to control Michigan Works! related public communications. It was not meant to limit Consortium Board members ability to learn more about Michigan Works! operations. Contract language will be amended to address the concern Commissioner Foxx.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Ernie Krygier:**

To receive and file the Directors Report.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

#### **ITEM #10: ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO REVIEW VARIOUS PLAN SUMMARY APPROVALS**

The Board reviewed the following plan summaries that were approved by the Workforce Development Board: Trade Act Program fund increase of \$15,768 for program year October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; No Worker Left Behind (NWLB)

Employment Services fund increase of \$98,888; No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) planning allocation of \$583,645 and Comprehensive Five Year Local Plan for Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth for program year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Richard Bryne:**

To receive and file the Plan Summary approvals for: Trade Act Program fund increase of \$15,768 for program year October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) Employment Services fund increase of \$98,888; No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) planning allocation of \$583,645 and Comprehensive Five Year Local Plan for Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth for program year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ITEM #11: DISCUSSION**

- a. Concerns of Mark Stevens, Michigan Department of Human Services Director for Midland County

The Board reviewed the correspondence between Director Oberski and Mark Stevens, Michigan Department of Human Services Director for Midland County. Director Oberski indicated that a meeting with Mr. Stevens has not been held, but will be set up in the near future.

Graphs showing statistics regarding services to WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker and the JET program participants as well as examples of service to Job Seekers were reviewed.

Chairperson McQuaid appointed Commissioner Bartels to represent the Consortium Board at the meeting with Michigan Works!, DHS Directors, and a representative of the Workforce Development Board.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Richard Byrne:**

To receive and file the correspondence exchange.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ITEM #12: ADJOURNMENT**

**Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**