

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!
CONSORTIUM BOARD
JUNE 25, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Thomas Basil
Eddie Foxx
James Graham

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Byrne
Ann Doyle
Thomas Hickner

MWA STAFF

Ed Oberski
Ray Ogden
Rose Onan

GUESTS

Brent Gilbert, Delta Corporate Services
Annette Gellise, Arnold Center
Grace Burger, Bangor Township Schools

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

Carl Ruth moved; supported by Ernie Krygier:

To approve the agenda.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #4: CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by James Graham:

To approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board minutes dated May 21, 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: COMMUNICATIONS

- A. April 3, 2007 and May 1, 2007 Workforce Development Board meeting minutes

The Board reviewed the April 3 and May 1, 2007 Workforce Development Board minutes.

- B. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for April 2007

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

Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Raymond Bartels:

To receive and file Items 7-A & 7-B.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM#8: REPORTS

- A. Fiscal Report

The Board reviewed the April 2007 fiscal reports.

Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Eddie Foxx:

To receive and file the Fiscal Report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Program Report

- a. General Program

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

- b. 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-A & 8-B.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Director's Report

Board members were presented with information regarding the state's rescission of current year Work First funds. The State has rescinded about 8% of the current year, October 2006 – September 2007 Work First budgets from every Michigan Works! Agency around the state. The State replace almost all of the rescission with Workforce Investment funds. As a result, our Work First in each County has been reduced by a small amount relative to the size of the contract (Saginaw: \$49,491; Midland: \$7,201; Bay: \$20,056). Based on current contractor expenditure levels, we believe that we can absorb this reduction with minimal impact to current program services. Michigan Works! Administrative funds were also reduced by 12% of the program reduction.

It was reported that MWA staff will be meeting with Pumford Construction on Tuesday June 26, 2007, to review final service center drawings and cost. The Saginaw Committee of the Workforce Development Board will meet in July to review the information and make recommendation to the full Workforce Development Board. Consortium Board members are invited to attend the committee meeting and the Workforce Development Board meeting.

An aluminum baseball bat was discovered in a restroom trash receptacle at the Saginaw Work First center. The center was closed down for the remainder of the day, and police were notified. A security guard service has been procured and is now on site.

Michigan Works! services related to the agriculture industry were discussed.

It was reported that Robert Woods, Jr., James Graham, Carl Ruth and Tom Hickner have indicated they wish to attend the NACo WDB/Human Services Conference to be held in St. Petersburg, Florida on December 2-4, 2007.

Howard Schoenherr moved, supported by Tom Basil:

That the Midland County seat for attendance at the NaCO/National Workforce Development Board is available for either Saginaw or Bay County's use.

Motion carried by voice vote.

It was reported that the Michigan Legislative Day, held on June 20, 2007, was attended by Thomas Hickner and Workforce Development Board member, Dave Herrala.

It was reported that the Governor is considering implementing an additional training program to help fill the demand for high skill occupations: the "No Worker Left Behind" program. She is seeking \$40 million in general funds from the State Legislature to fund the new program.

It was reported that the Consortium Board will not meet in July. The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2007.

It was reported that the Michigan Prison Reentry Initiative grant has been awarded to Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works!. The grant is expected to be funded at \$800,000 per year.

Board Chair McQuaid reported that a letter from the State of Michigan has been received regarding notification of an upcoming performance audit of the statewide Michigan Works! system by the Michigan Office of the Auditor General.

Ernie Krygier moved, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:

To receive and file the Directors Report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM #9: ACTION ITEMS

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW VARIOUS 07/08 GRANT PLAN APPROVALS

The Board reviewed the Workforce Development action that approved: 1) the Employment Services (Wagner-Peyser Act) for \$608,176 (planning allocation); 2) WIA Adult Program Plan for \$1,483,996; 3) the WIA Dislocated Worker Plan for \$2,151,345; 4) WIA Youth Program Plan for \$1,547,467; 5) the WIA Service Center Operations Funds for \$153,744 (planning allocation); 6) Capacity Building Funds for \$24,000 (planning allocation), and 7) the WIA Statewide Incentive Funds for \$40,569 (carry-in allocation from 06/07) for the time period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and authorize signatures on the related plan documents.

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Carl Ruth:

To receive and file WDB action which approved: 1) the Employment Services (Wagner-Peyser Act) for \$608,176 (planning allocation); 2) WIA Adult Program Plan for \$1,483,996; 3) the WIA Dislocated Worker Plan for \$2,151,345; 4) WIA Youth Program Plan for \$1,547,467; 5) the WIA Service Center Operations Funds for \$153,744 (planning allocation); 6) Capacity Building Funds for \$24,000 (planning allocation), and 7) the WIA Statewide Incentive Funds for \$40,569 (carry-in allocation from 06/07) for the time period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and authorize signatures on the related plan documents.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW WDB ACTION ON 07/08 BUDGETS AND CONTRACTOR PLANNING ALLOCATIONS

The Board reviewed WDB action which approved the 07/08 Michigan Works! administrative budget (which includes the addition of one coordinator position; the deletion of one part-time account clerk; and the upgrade of Fiscal Manager to the same level as Assistant Director); the Bay Road, Midland and North Pointe Michigan Works! Service Center budgets, Strategic Plan budget, and recommended planning allocations, with the exception of the Saginaw and Bay FOC expenditures.

Raymond Bartels moved; supported by Robert Woods, Jr.:

To receive and file WDB action which approved the 07/08 Michigan Works! administrative budget (which includes the addition of one coordinator position; the deletion of one part-time account clerk; and the upgrade of Fiscal Manager to the same level as Assistant Director).

Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion ensued. It was reported that Saginaw and Bay FOC expenditures were tabled by the WDB.

Raymond Bartels moved; supported by Robert Woods, Jr.:

To receive and file WDB action which approved the Bay Road, Midland and North Pointe Michigan Works! Service Center budgets, Strategic Plan budget, and recommended planning allocations, with the exception of the Saginaw and Bay FOC expenditures.

Motion carried by voice vote.

ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT

Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Ernie Krygier:

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote.