

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 24, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rose Marie McQuaid  
Raymond Bartels  
Thomas Basil  
Richard Byrne  
Kim Coonan  
James Graham  
Eugene Gwizdala  
Carl Ruth  
Terry Sangster  
Howard Schoenherr

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Cheryl Hadsall  
Thomas Hickner  
Tim Novak

**GUESTS**

Lori Dalton, DCCS  
Bill LaMere, SVRC  
Andrea Bridgewater, ACI  
Daniel Centellas, SVRC  
Linda Caprathe, SVRC  
Carol Dwan, Bangor Schools

**ITEM #1      CALL TO ORDER**

Rose Marie McQuaid, Chairperson of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. at the Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, North Pointe Plaza, The Eugene Gwizdala Room, 4061 N. Euclid, Bay City, Michigan.

**ITEM #2      ROLL CALL**

The Consortium Board members present and guests listed were in attendance.

**ITEM #3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item #8-F—The February 4, 2005 Press Conference was added to the agenda.

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

Motion by Howard Schoenherr, supported by Raymond Bartels:

That the minutes for November 8, 2004 of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board is approved.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5      AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience expressed no comments.

**ITEM #6 INTRODUCTION**

Cheryl Hadsall and Richard Byrne were announced as new members of the Consortium Board.

**ITEM #7 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

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

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

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

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

**ITEM #8 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. SAGINAW NEWS ARTICLE REGARDING WDB MEMBER KEN CICHEWICZ**

It was reported that Ken Cichewicz, WDB member has joined Saint Mary's Occupational Health, in the Ambulatory Care Centre in Saginaw Township. He will be responsible for business development and assisting client employers in structuring a proactive approach to work-related health care.

**B. LETTER FROM CONSORTIUM BOARD TO DLEG RE WORK FIRST RESTRUCTURING**

The Board reviewed the letter from Chairperson McQuaid to David C. Hollister, Director, Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) expressing that two important aspects of Work First should not be changed: 1) Work First should stay with Michigan Works, and 2) Local control should continue to be maximized.

**C. LETTER DENYING SMB MW'S PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING FOR A HOUSING EXPERT FOR WORK FIRST PROGRAM IN SAGINAW COUNTY**

The Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority denying Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! proposal for funding for a housing specialist in the Saginaw Work First program.

**D. PRESS RELEASE REGARDING THE COUNCIL FOR LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**

The Board reviewed the press release announcing creation of the Council for Labor and Economic Growth (CLEG), which replaces the current Michigan Workforce Investment Board.

**E. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

The Board reviewed various business or program related newspaper articles.

**F. FEBRUARY 4, 2005 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE**

It was reported that the Michigan Works! Association has scheduled a press conference on February 4, 2005 regarding Work First funding. The attendance of Consortium Board members was requested.

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala to accept Items #8A-8F, supported by Carl Ruth. The motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #9 REPORTS**

**A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. REPORT ON FUNDING**

It was reported that the January revenue estimation meeting resulted in a projected \$300 million to \$350 million-dollar deficit in the current state budget.

The Federal Omnibus Budget Bill has been passed and signed. It essentially maintains current funding for WIA and Employment Service programs.

In the upcoming State budget process the Michigan Works! Association will aggressively pursue two priorities: 1) A restoration of Work First funding to the \$130 million level, and 2) A shifting of funds, so that Work First is funded totally with federal TANF dollars, rather than the current mix of funds that includes State GF/GP.

**2. HEALTH CARE RSA UPDATE**

The Board reviewed the December and January RSA reports.

**3. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the monthly performance reports.

**4. WORK FIRST RESTRUCTURING**

The Board reviewed the latest recommendations from the Workforce Action Network regarding Work First restructuring.

**5. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF EMPLOYERS BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP UPDATE**

It was reported that the American Society of Employers (ASE) elected not to go forward with plans to rent a cubicle at our Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, or to use local Michigan Works! Service Centers as training sites for businesses. ASE did, however, leave open the possibility of providing some training at the Midland Service Center.

**6. DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION: FUNDING FOR CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY STAFF AT DOWNTOWN SAGINAW SERVICE CENTER**

It was reported that the Director had exercised discretion to increase the Delta Corporate Services contract by approximately \$12,000 for an extension of the temporary receptionist position at the Downtown Saginaw Service Center through June 30, 2005.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:

To receive and file the action taken by the Director.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #10 OLD BUSINESS**

No old business commenced.

**ITEM #11 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN PROGRAM BUDGET**

It was reported that in November 2004 Michigan Works! Administration identified approximately \$1,300,000 that had not been budgeted for the current program year. As a result, contracted service provider contracts were increased by over \$200,000 to provide additional training opportunities for program participants. Also, the Workforce Development board has taken action to expand the current budget by an additional \$618,300.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:

Receive and file the WDB action approving the January 2005 Expansion Plan increasing the July 2004—June 2005 Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Budget by \$618,300 consistent with Item 11-A of the Agenda package.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO FUND INCUMBENT WORKER PROPOSALS**

It was reported that in response to the 2005 Incumbent Worker Grant Request for Proposals, Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! received seven proposals. The Workforce Development Board approved funding the top 5 proposals: 1) Delta College/St. Mary's Medical Center, 2) Delta College/Mid Michigan Health, 3) Delta College/GM-Bay City Power Train, 4) Delta College/Memtron Input Components, and 5) Delta College/GM-Saginaw Metal Castings Operations.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by James Graham:

Receive and file WDB action approving the funding of the 5 Incumbent Worker training proposals recommended by staff, contingent on successful negotiations.

**The motion passed by voice vote, abstention: Carl Ruth.**

**C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB APPROVAL OF WORK FIRST PLAN FOR FIA SUPPORTIVE SERVICE FUNDS**

It was reported that the Workforce Development Board has approved the MWA plan permitting FIA to transfer \$460,000 to the MWA for Work First Supportive Services.

Motion by James Graham, supported by Terry Sangster:

That the Consortium Board receive and file the WDB's January 4, 2005 approval of the Work First—TANF \$460,000 Supportive Services Transfer Plan, and authorize signatures on the related plan documents.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE WDB MEMBERSHIP**

It was reported that the Workforce Development Board has recommended that the Consortium Board increase the size of the WDB from 28 to 29 members. Due to population shifts within the MWA, the new WDB slot would be filled by a private sector representative from Midland County.

Motion by Carl Ruth, supported by Terry Sangster:

That the Consortium Board approve the WDB's recommendation to expand the Workforce Development Board by one private sector member from Midland County.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH MEETING CALENDAR THROUGH JANUARY 2006**

Motion by James Graham, supported by Raymond Bartels:

That the recommended schedule for the Consortium Board through January 2006 (Item 11-E in the Agenda package) be accepted.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #12 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.