

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD
MINUTES
February 28, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Thomas Basil
Eugene Gwizdala
Carl Ruth
Howard Schoenherr

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Byrne
Kim Coonan
James Graham
Thomas Hickner
Tim Novak
Terry Sangster

GUESTS

Dennis Brieske, Consultant
Leslie Roth, Consultant
William LaMere, SVRC
Daniel Centellas, SVRC
Carol Dwan, Bangor Schools
Donna Tiernan, Bangor Schools
Grace Burger, 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 3:34 p.m., at the Saginaw County Courthouse, Board Chamber, 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was not present at the meeting.

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No action was taken.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING MINUTES

No action was taken to approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Job Training Consortium Board minutes for January 24, 2005.

ITEM # 5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience expressed no comments.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. EXCERPT FROM THE DECEMBER 2004—JANUARY 2005 SAGINAW COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS ADVOCATE REGARDING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

It was reported that the Saginaw, Midland, and Bay County Chambers of Commerce plan to pursue a regional cooperative effort in economic development as a creative approach to business.

B. JANUARY 18, 2005 ISSUE OF “THIS WEEK @ MEDC” REFERENCING ACTIVITY IN SAGINAW COUNTY

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) reported the following activities for Saginaw County: 1) Miles Petroleum to Build New Head Quarters on Old Grain Elevator site near Saginaw, 2) Michigan’s First Tool & Die Recovery Zones Designated, and 3) Governor Announces Assistance to Bring Investment, Jobs to Saginaw.

C. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Board reviewed program related newspaper articles for the Tri-Counties.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. HEALTH CARE RSA UPDATE PRESENTED BY DENNIS BRIESKE

Dennis Brieske and Leslie Roth, Consultants for the Health Care Regional Skills Alliance (RSA), provided an update on the progress of the RSA since its October 1, 2004 inception.

2. UPDATE ON RELOCATION OF DOWNTOWN SAGINAW SERVICE CENTER

It was reported that on February 17, 2005, the Saginaw Committee of the WDB recommended that the Saginaw Township and Downtown Saginaw Service operations be consolidated into one Service Center when the MWA expands its Service Center in Downtown Saginaw.

3. REPORT ON FUNDING

It was reported that the Governor's Executive Order for reductions in the State's current budget did not affect Michigan Works! On the other hand, the Federal budget proposes large reductions for Michigan Works! for the Wegner Peyser Employment Service and WIA programs.

4. MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION PRESS CONFERENCE AND LEGISLATIVE DAY

Tim Quinn, WDB Chairman, and Ed Oberski, Michigan Works! Director attended the February 4, 2005 Michigan Works! Association Press Conference regarding Work First funding. The Association is asking the Legislature and the Governor to restore the State Work First Budget to \$130 million, and to fund it entirely out of Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds.

On April 27, 2005, the Michigan Works! Association is holding its Annual Legislative Day. Board Chair, Rose Marie McQuaid has appointed Carl Ruth to represent the Consortium Board at that event.

5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The status of Federal Workforce Investment Act reauthorization and the Governor's three prong approach to economic development were reviewed.

6. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The monthly performance reports were reviewed.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

No old business commenced.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND ENTER A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING ADDITIONAL CAREER LADDERS

It was reported that WDB action authorized staff to negotiate and cause a contract to be executed with MITECH+ to develop Career Ladders materials for the construction and information technology industries.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO APPROVE MICHIGAN WORKS! SYSTEM PLAN RENEWAL

It was reported that the WDB approved the submittal of the Michigan Works! System Plan, due February 18, 2005.

ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.