

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

| <b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> | <b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> | <b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> | <b><u>MWA STAFF</u></b> |
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| Ed Dornseifer                 | Kevin Gay                     | John Nagy                    | Ed Oberski              |
| Mike Beyer                    | William Borch, Jr.            | Talmadge Battle              | Ken Kurecka             |
| Ruth Retlewski                | John Hill                     | Tom Begin                    | Ray Ogden               |
| Jim Bates                     | Robert O’Hara                 | Amy Rodriguez                | Rose Onan               |
| Laura Hamilton                | Lillie Williams               | Kathy Czerwinski             |                         |
| Tim Quinn                     | Steve Jonas                   | Gary Shepherd                |                         |
| Terry King                    | Odail Thorns                  | Joseph Powe                  |                         |
| Gregory Skufca                | Dave Corcoran                 |                              |                         |
| Dave Herrala                  | Bernell Wiggins               |                              |                         |
| Bruce Grant                   | Yves Hamel                    |                              |                         |

**GUESTS**

Olga Pilar, Arnold Center  
Trisha Andrzejewski, Saginaw FOC  
Bill Lamere, SVRC Industries  
Lynette Collins, Delta Corporate Services  
Grace Burger, Bangor Township Schools

**GUESTS**

Merry Beard, SVRC Industries  
John Johnson, SVRC Industries  
Brittany Lenertz, Arnold Center  
Larry Sanders, SVRC Industries

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ed Dornseifer called the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center, Classrooms A & B, 3875 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no additions or changes.

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

**Motion by: Bruce Grant; Supported by: Ruth Retlewski:**

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated January 8, 2008.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

## **ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS**

Grace Burger was introduced as the new program manager for the JET program in County replacing Carol Dwan who recently retired.

Kevin Gay, Vice President of Finance for Three Rivers Construction was introduced as a new member of the Board representing the private sector.

## **ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS**

Dave Corcoran, WDB member, DLEG-MRS Director for Bay, Midland and Arenac Counties, gave a powerpoint presentation on Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

## **ITEM #8: ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Recommendations from the RFP Scoring Team for a Road Construction Apprenticeship Readiness (RCAR) training vendor.

The Board reviewed the recommendations from the RFP Scoring Team to authorize the Michigan Works! Administration to negotiate and contract with Delta College as the RCAR Work Keys and Training vendor in accordance with the Request for Proposals and the proposal submitted by Delta College.

### **Motion by: Gregory Skufca; Supported by: Steve Jonas:**

To authorize the Michigan Works! Administration to negotiate and contract with Delta College as the RCAR Work Keys and Training vendor in accordance with the Request for Proposals and the proposal submitted by Delta College.

### **Motion passed by voice vote.**

- B. Staff recommendation for a letter to Senator Stabenow regarding Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) reauthorization.

The Board reviewed staff recommendation for a letter to Senator Stabenow regarding TAA reauthorization.

### **Motion by: Tim Quinn; supported by: Dave Herrala:**

To authorize a letter to Senator Stabenow and Carl Levin opposing language in the TAA reauthorization act that would require TAA services to be delivered by state employees.

### **Motion passed by voice vote. Dave Corcoran and Yves Hamel abstained.**

## **ITEM #9: REPORTS:**

- A. Chairperson's Report:

It was reported that Director Oberski, Chairman Dornseifer, Assistant Director Ken Kurecka and WDB member Terry King will be attending the National Association of Workforce Development Board Forums, February 23-26, 2008 in Washington, D.C. Meetings with Representatives Camp and Kildee have been arranged.

One of the Chair's objectives is for the Board to develop a strategy for addressing legislative issues important to the Michigan Works! system. It may be beneficial to partner with Chambers of Commerce and perhaps other organizations in that regard.

Another objective is to commence the strategic planning process. An update on goals achieved under the current strategic plan shall be presented at the next Board meeting.

Bob LoFiego, Human Resources Manager, Three Rivers Construction, was appointed to the Educational Advisory Group (EAG) with term effective February 5, 2008 to June 30, 2010.

**Presentation:** Bruce Grant was presented with a plaque for his years of service as Chairperson of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board.

B. Fiscal Report:

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Reports.

C. Performance Reports:

1. General Program Reports

The general program reports were reviewed.

2. Friend of the Court Performance Reports

The FOC performance reports were reviewed.

D. Directors Report

It was reported that preliminary estimates show that Michigan's share of the \$250 million rescission in Workforce Investment Act funds is approximately \$5.1 million. The State has indicated that it will attempt to pay back as much of that amount as possible in order to minimize the impact on local programming. With that in mind, the State has issued information to each Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) showing how much each MWA would have to pay back in a "worst case scenario". Our share under the State's "worst case scenario" would be a reduction of about \$200,000 in current year (July 2007 –June 2008) funding. We are currently working on contingency plans in the event that a budget reduction actually occurs.

The Bush Administration has offered its proposed budget for next Fiscal Year. It contains large reductions from current funding levels in Workforce Investment Act and Employment Service: minus 16% in WIA Adult, minus 20% in WIA Dislocated Worker; minus 9% in WIA Youth, and total elimination Employment Services. There is speculation that Congress will delay taking action on the budget until a new administration is in place.

Revisions to the proposed Saginaw Downtown Service Center lease language have been made by the landlord and Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! lease. The lease has been made and will be forwarded to the Saginaw County attorney for review.

In response to our request, the State forwarded to us the raw data for determining the allocation of JET funds among the 25 Michigan Works! Agencies. The raw data supports the 9% reduction in JET funds received by Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works!. This was due to the fact that the number of welfare case loads, new welfare applicants, and JET

program participants in our area dropped in relation to the state totals. It was noted that the same data resulted in large increases for the Michigan Works! Agencies covering Lansing, Oakland County, and Macomb County.

The State has promised additional JET funding. Our share will be approximately \$380,000, and this will help offset the 9% reduction.

**ITEM #10: COMMUNICATIONS**

A. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for December 2007.

The Board received the DLEG Labor Market Information Report for December 2007.

**ITEM # 11: ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by: Bruce Grant; supported by: Laura Hamilton:**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**