

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ed Dornseifer  
Ken Cichewicz  
Mike Beyer  
Talmadge Battle  
Ruth Retlewski  
Jim Bates  
Amy Rodriguez  
Laura Hamilton  
Tim Quinn  
Gregory Skufca  
Julie Carey  
Joseph Powe  
Robert O'Hara  
Odail Thorns  
Steve Jonas  
Dave Corcoran  
Kathy Cholak-Jones  
Bruce Griffith

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Nagy  
Connie Kostrzewa  
Catherine O'Connor-Harms  
Kathy Czerwinski  
Terry King  
Bruce Grant  
Gary Shepherd  
Judy Barber  
Clark Volz  
Daniel Streeter

**GUESTS**

Mike Cooper, Delta College  
Lori Dalton, Delta Corporate Services  
Robert Wainwright, APT  
Olga Pilar, Arnold Center  
Sylvester Payne, STARS  
Daniel Centellas, SVRC

**ITEM #1      CALL TO ORDER**

Tim Quinn, Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Saginaw Career Complex, Job Market Connection, 2102 Weiss Street, Saginaw, MI.

**ITEM #2      ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

One item was added to the agenda: Item #10-B: Michigan Works! System Plan.

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

**Motion by Julie Carey; Support by Ed Dornseifer:**

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated January 4, 2005.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

The audience introduced themselves. There were no public comments.

## **ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS**

Tim Quinn approved the appointment of Cathy Wildes, Career & Technical Education Coordinator, Midland County Educational Service Agency, to the Educational Advisory Group (EAG), term effective January 18, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

## **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**

The Board reviewed the excerpt from the December 2004-January 2005 Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Business Advocate regarding regional cooperation in economic development efforts.

### **B. January 18, 2005 issue of “This Week @ MEDC” referencing activity in Saginaw County**

The Board reviewed the January 18, 2005 issue of “This Week @ MEDC” referencing activity in Saginaw County.

### **C. Business or program related newspaper articles**

The Board reviewed the newspaper articles regarding “Water deals will differ”, “Tentative water deal set”, “Frankenmuth waiting for water study”, “Dow tax abatements approved”, “Dow Corning grows in China”, “Report: Tri-Cities housing among most affordable”, and “Tri-County transit faces problems”.

## **ITEM #8 REPORTS**

### **A. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

#### **1. PRESENTATION BY MIKE COOPER REGARDING STARS MILLAGE**

Mike Cooper, Delta College, spoke on the STARS transportation system and encouraged voter support at February, 2005 millage.

Sylvester Payne, Director, STARS, spoke on the STARS system and encouraged voter support.

Discussion ensued.

#### **Motion by Robert O’Hara; Support by Jim Bates:**

That the WDB Board support STARS in the coming millage.

**Motion passed by voice vote. Steve Jonas abstained.**

**2. REPORT ON FUNDING**

It was reported that the state budget is estimated to be at a \$350 million deficit. Major cuts will possibly be made in Medicare and education.

\$171,000 in WIA Dislocated Worker funds were received and must be expended by June 30. A meeting with contractors will be held next week to discuss need for the additional funding.

**3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

It was reported that the WIA Reauthorization bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. Possible changes include: a) combining WIA Adult, Dislocated Worker and Employment Service funds into one account; b) unemployed individuals would receive personal reemployment accounts to purchase services; c) 70% of youth funds instead of the current 30% would be required to be spent for out of school youth.

The TANF reauthorization bill was also introduced.

**4. HEALTH CARE RSA UPDATE**

The Board reviewed the January RSA monthly report submitted by project manager, Dennis Brieske.

**5. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the Work First and Employment Service reports.

**6. REPORT ON JANUARY 14, 2005 EAG MEETING**

It was reported that a presentation of the Michigan Works! system was given at the January 14, 2005 Education Advisory Group (EAG) meeting. EAG members were encouraged to volunteer for committees which would advise the WDB in joint issues. An EAG committee will meet with EAG Chair Mike Dewey will be contacted regarding the future role of the EAG and committee structure.

**7. REMINDER REGARDING WDB MEMBER RE-NOMINATIONS FOR TERMS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2005**

The Board reminded members whose term expires June 30,2005, that they will be receiving a re-nomination letter in the mail asking if they are willing to continue to serve on the WDB. These letters need to be signed and faxed back to the Michigan Works! Agency office as soon as possible.

**ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING ADDITIONAL CAREER LADDERS**

A Request for Proposals was issued by the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! to develop career ladders materials for the construction and information technology industries. MiTech+ submitted the only proposal received and requested \$55,000.

**Motion by Julie Carey; Support by Ruth Retlewski:**

To authorize Michigan Works! Agency staff negotiate and cause a contract to be executed with MiTech+ to develop Career Ladders materials for the construction and information technologies industries, not to exceed the requested amount of \$55,000.

Related discussion ensued.

**Motion passed by voice vote. Abstention: Gregory Skufca**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT MICHIGAN WORKS! SYSTEM PLAN FOR JANUARY 1, 2005 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005**

The recommendation is to approve the submittal of the Michigan Works! System Plan for January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 and to authorize signatures on the related plan documents.

**Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Support by Jim Bates:**

To approve submittal of the Michigan Works! System Plan for January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 and to authorize signatures on the related plan documents.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Dave Corcoran; Support by Jim Bates:**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.**