

SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
APRIL 4, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Dornseifer
John Nagy
Mike Beyer
Talmadge Battle
Ruth Retlewski
Tom Begin
Amy Rodriguez
Laura Hamilton
Tim Quinn
Kathy Czerwinski
Terry King
Gregory Skufca
Susannah Thomas
Bruce Grant
Ed Tanzini

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judy Barber
Joseph Powe
Robert O'Hara
Lisa Hadden
Steve Jonas
Odail Thorns
Dave Corcoran

MWA Staff

Ed Oberski
Pat Washburn
Rose Onan
Gerrit Wierda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Cichewicz
Jim Bates
Gary Shepherd
Clark Volz
Daniel Streeter
Kathy Cholak-Jones
Yves Hamel

GUESTS

Andrea Bridgewater, Arnold Center
Olga Pilar, Arnold Center
Jason Palmer, MDLEG
Carol Dwan, Bangor Township Schools
Jennifer Barrus, Bay FOC
Jan Bostwick, Bay FOC
Monica Reyes, SVSU
Linda Caprathe, SVRC Industries
Grace Burger, Bangor Township Schools
Trisha Andrzejewski, Saginaw FOC
Kristy Bushon, Saginaw County FOC
David Veitengruber, SVRC Industries, Inc.
Pat Graves, Delta College
Mike Rickey, Delta Corporate Services
Bill LaMere, SVRC Industries, Inc.

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Bruce Grant, Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., at the Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, Eugene Gwizdala, 4061 No. Euclid, Bay City, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 7-C: Healthcare Community Summit was added to the agenda.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by: Ruth Retlewski; Support by: Gregory Skufca:

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated March 7, 2006.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves. There were no public comments.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

A. New WDB Member

Susannah Thomas, Dow Chemical HR Site Leader was introduced. She represents Midland County private sector. The members introduced themselves.

It was reported that Yves Hamel, North Region Director, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, was recently appointed to the Workforce Development Board. He represents the Employment Service and replaces Bruce Griffith, who was transferred to another region.

B. Request for Excused Absence

It was reported that Kathy Cholak-Jones has medical issues and maybe absent from attending Workforce Development Board meetings for sometime.

Motion by: Tim Quinn; Supported by Laura Hamilton;

That Kathy Cholak-Jones be granted an excuse absence until further notice.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for January 2006

The Board reviewed the DLEG Labor Market Information Report for January 2006.

B. Excerpts from Gongwer News Service, March 15, 2006: "Work First Changes Needed Now", and March 16, 2006: "Lawmakers Question DHS Welfare to Work Strategy".

The Board reviewed the Excerpt from Gongwer News Service, March 15, 2006: "Work First Changes Needed Now".

The March 16, 2006 Gongwer News Service: "Lawmakers Question DHS Welfare to Work Strategy" was missing from the agenda package. It will be sent to all members.

C. The RSA Healthcare Community Summit

It was reported that the Healthcare Community Summit will be held on May 4, 2006; 12:00 Noon -2:30 pm at the Horizons Conference Center. Cost is \$20 for attendees; \$15 for Chamber members. For those WDB members who wish to attend, the cost will be covered.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Grant referred the Board to the article from The Wall Street Journal, March 28, 2006: "Wages of Politics" regarding Michigan's decision to increase the minimum wage.

B. FINANCE REPORT

The Board reviewed the February 2006 fiscal reports. It was reported that Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! had received over \$200,000 in Work First incentive grants and \$49,000 in Workforce Investment Act incentive grants for excellent performance in the 2004-2005 program year. It was also reported that the Department of Labor and Economic Growth had informed management staff that the State would soon release additional Dislocated Worker funds. It was anticipated that we would receive approximately \$345,000 in additional Dislocated Worker funds.

C. PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. Performance Reports

The Board reviewed the monthly performance reports.

2. Friend of the Court Performance

The Board reviewed the Saginaw and Bay Friend of the Court monthly performance reports.

D. DIRECTORS REPORT

1. RFP Update

The Director reported on the status of the RFP process for the selection of service providers. Clark Volz and Joe Powe resigned from the Midland and Saginaw scoring teams because their organizations had submitted proposals. Chairman Grant appointed Suzannah Thomas and Tom Begin to the Midland and Saginaw teams respectively, as replacements for Clark Volz and Joe Powe.

2. Educational Advisory Group Action regarding funding for Secondary Perkins, Post-secondary Perkins, and Tech Prep programs

Valerie Gerhardt, Bay Arenac ISD, gave a presentation on the Secondary Carl Perkins grant program. Pat Graves, Delta College, gave a presentation on the Postsecondary Perkins and Tech Prep programs. These program approaches were approved by the Educational Advisory Group at its March 10, 2006 meeting.

Motion by: Odail Thorns; Support by: Ed Dornseifer:

To support the Secondary and Post-Secondary Perkins, and the Tech Prep programs approved by the Educational Advisory Committee.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Employer Usage of Michigan Talent Bank

The Presentation by Gerrit Wierda was tabled until next meeting.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO FUND ADDITIONAL INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Board reviewed the recommendation for approval to fund additional incumbent worker training programs.

Motion by: Dave Corcoran; Support by: Kathy Czerwinski:

To approve funding two additional incumbent worker training contracts with Delta College in amounts of \$3,000 for Caraustar Industries, Inc., and \$4,687 for Independent Bank.

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING MICHIGAN PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE FISCAL AGENT STATUS

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation regarding the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative Fiscal Agent status.

The Board engaged in further detailed discussion.

Motion by: John Nagy; Support by: Lisa Hadden:

To grant Michigan Works! Administration the authority to accept the role as fiscal agent for the Saginaw Prisoner Re-entry program with the understanding that the Prisoner Re-entry Steering Committee shall have the authority to approve service providers and have direct program oversight responsibility.

Motion failed.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by: Tom Begin; Support by Ruth Retlewski:

That management prepare additional information regarding the role of fiscal agent for the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative and it's impact on the Workforce Development Board; and bring the recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion passed by voice vote.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE NEW REGIONAL SKILLS ALLIANCE RFP

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation regarding the new Regional Skills Alliance RFP.

Motion by: Odail Thorns; Support by: Ed Dornseifer:

To approve the submittal of a proposal for a Manufacturing RSA, and to request Saginaw Valley Manufacturers Association to act as co-covener for the RSA.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #10 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Joseph Powe; Support by John Nagy.

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.