

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
APRIL 5, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Dornseifer	Julie Carey
John Nagy	Bruce Grant
Ken Cickewicz	Judy Barber
Mike Beyer	Joseph Powe
Talmadge Battle	Clark Volz
Ruth Retlewski	Robert O'Hara
Catherine O'Connor-Harms	Daniel Streeter
Laura Hamilton	Odail Thorns
Tim Quinn	Steve Jonas
Kathy Czerwinski	Dave Corcoran
Terry King	Bruce Griffith
Gregory Skufca	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Connie Kostrzewa
Jim Bates
Amy Rodriguez
Gary Shepherd
Kathy Cholak-Jones

GUESTS

Andrea Bridgewater, Arnold Center
Dennis Brieske, Consultant
Leslie Roth, Consultant
Olga Pilar, Arnold Center
Mary Ann Rankey, Bay DHS
Dave Maxim, Bangor Twp Schools
Paul Petiprin, Midland DHS
Carol Dwan, Bangor
Valerie Gerhardt, Bay Arenac-ISD
Pat Graves, Delta College
Linda Caprathe, SVRC Industries, Inc.
Michael Shea, Arnold Center
Donna Tiernan, Bangor Twp Schools
Grace Berger, Bangor Twp Schools
Joe Braxton, SVSU
Judith Burton, Arnold Center

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Tim Quinn, Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., at the Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, The Eugene Gwizdala Room, North Pointe Plaza, 4061 No. Euclid Ave., Bay City, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No amendments to the agenda were offered.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by Bruce Grant; Support by Ed Dornseifer:

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated February 1, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves.

Mike Shea, Arnold Center, invited everyone to the “Curry Cafe Open House” luncheon on April 15; 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Curry Cafe House is located at 1305 Currie Parkway, Midland, Michigan.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG Labor Market Information Report, March 17, 2005

The Board reviewed the DLEG Labor Market Information Report from March 17, 2005.

B. Gongwer News, March 4, 2005 issue, Michigan 2nd in Nation in Business development

The Board reviewed the March 4, 2005 issue of “Gongwer News” referencing Michigan being 2nd in nation in business development.

C. Gongwer News, March 7, 2005, Restructure of Work First and DHS focus on reducing poverty

The Board reviewed the March 7, 2005 issue of “Gongwer News” regarding the Restructure of Work First and DHS focus on reducing poverty.

D. Business or program related newspaper articles

The Board reviewed the newspaper articles regarding “New Bay City brand wins raves at unveiling”; City to give more cash to Midland Tomorrow”; “Energy costs concern Dow, Dow Corning”; “Sad Day” at sugar plant”; “Government defends proposed trade pact”; “STARS woes start to ease”; “Outlook better for area workers”; “Meijer plans evolve” and “The young, the educated, the frustrated”.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the Work First and Employment Service reports.

It was noted that in the Employment Service Report, under Employer contacts, the number of employer contacts are recorded by county only. The “Bridgeport” satellite office should read “St. Charles” instead.

2. MARCH 3-5, 2005 NAWB CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY ED DORNSEIFER, LAURA HAMILTON AND ED OBERSKI

Highlights from the seminars attended at the March 3-5, 2005 NAWB were given by Ed Dornseifer, Laura Hamilton and Ed Oberski. Mr. Dornseifer expressed interest in

having one of the conference speakers, Hedrick Smith, make a presentation in the Saginaw Midland Bay area.

3. GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE TO PLACE 30,000 SEEKERS INTO EMPLOYMENT

It was reported that the Michigan Works! agency will be working on the Governor's initiative to place 30,000 jobseekers into employment. Details to be announced at a future date.

Discussion ensued.

Several Michigan Works! staff will be meeting with Central Upper Peninsula staff in a few weeks to learn job placement methods.

4. CARROLLTON SUGAR PLANT CLOSURE

It was reported that the last of day of work for Carrollton Sugar Plant workers will be Wednesday, April 6, but workers will be paid through May 15. Workers laid off include 65 hourly, 11 salary and numerous seasonal. Average age is 45-55; hourly rates of \$17-\$21; and average seniority is 25 years.

All are eligible to receive WIA Dislocated Worker services. A rapid response meeting has been conducted. A NAFTA/TAA petition will be filed for laid off workers to receive additional unemployment insurance and other benefits.

Discussion ensued.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted to congressional representatives regarding local impact of CAFTA on the tri county area. However, the Board decided to take no action.

5. MARCH 10, 2005 EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP ACTION

i. Role as advisory body to the WDB

It was reported that the EAG is forming a Work Group to advise the EAG on WIA Youth programming. The EAG will then make related recommendations to the Workforce Development Board.

ii. Perkins, and Tech Prep funding decisions presented by Valerie Gerhart, Bay Arenac ISD, and Pat Graves, Delta College

A report on the Bay-Arenac, Saginaw, Midland Regional Carl Perkins III Career Technical Education Grant was given by Valerie Gerhart, Bay Arenac ISD.

A report on the Delta College Postsecondary Perkins 2005/2006 Grant Application was given by Pat Graves, Delta College.

Motion by Clark Volz; Supported by Judy Barber:

That the Workforce Development Board endorse the Bay-Arenac, Saginaw, Midland Regional Carl Perkins III Career Technical Education Grant and Delta College Postsecondary Perkins 2005/2006 Grant Application as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

6. HEALTH CARE RSA UPDATE PRESENTED BY DENNIS BRIESKE AND LESLIE ROTH

A progress report from the Health Care RSA's workgroups: Barriers, Grow Our Own, and Re-Career was given by Leslie Roth.

Program expansion, new 3+1 programs at Ferris State and University of Michigan as well as Latoya's Health Education were highlighted by Dennis Brieske.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING IMPACT OF NEW DOWNTOWN SAGINAW SERVICE CENTER ON SERVICE DELIVERY STRUCTURE

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation regarding the possibility of closing of Bay Road Michigan Works! as a service center and consolidating those services and staff with the Johnson St. Michigan Works! Service Center staff. Staff and program services from each center would be housed in a new building in downtown Saginaw. A Request for Proposals (RFP) would be sent out requesting a building to lease. The Consortium Board and Saginaw WDB committee members have reviewed and supported the concept.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Judy Barber; Supported by Odail Thorns:

To support the concept of closing Bay Road Michigan Works! as a service center and consolidating those services and staff with the Johnson Street Michigan Works! Service Center staff. Staff and program services from each service center would be housed in a new building in downtown Saginaw.

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL MARKETING SERVICES

The Board reviewed the recommendation to authorize negotiations and contract with the Barckholtz Group for marketing services in addition to the current marketing plan.

Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Supported by Bruce Grant:

To authorize negotiations and contract with the Barckholtz Group for marketing services in addition to the current marketing plan. Contract amount is an additional \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 through June 30, 2005, with Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! option to extend.

Motion passed by voice vote.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The Board reviewed the recommendation to authorize negotiations and contracts with Dennis Brieske and Leslie Roth for additional consulting services

Motion by Julie Carey; Supported by Robert O'Hara:

To authorize negotiations and contracts with Dennis Brieske and Leslie Roth for additional consulting services. The contracts shall extend through June 30, 2005 with Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! option to extend. Contract rates shall be no greater than \$80.00/hr local and \$100.00/hr out-of-the area and shall not exceed \$50,000 for Dennis Brieske and \$30,000 for Leslie Roth through June 30, 2005 and annually thereafter.

Motion passed by voice vote.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WEEKEND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

It was reported that Education Training Connection (ETC) can no longer provide weekend transportation services in Midland County due to funding constraints. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out with ETC being the only bidder. Fares are \$42-\$45 per round trip. Service would be available only in Saturdays.

Discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADDITIONAL INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Board reviewed staff recommendations regarding additional incumbent worker training programs. Two proposals were received from SVSU, rated and are recommended to be funded.

Motion by Bruce Grant; Supported by Joe Powe:

To authorize staff to negotiate and contract with SVSU for the following Incumbent Worker programs in amounts not to exceed those listed:

SVSU – Mark VII Machine, Inc. – Activity-Based Quoting	- \$ 4,400
SVSU – Acra Cast, Inc -	– Lean Implementation Program - \$ 13,014

Motion passed by voice vote.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR BUDGET INCREASE

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation to increase the “Capital Outlay \$5,000 and Over” line in the July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! administrative budget from zero to \$15,000 for the purchase of a new copier for the administrative office.

Motion by: Terry King; Supported by Julie Carey:

To approve the increase to the “Capital Outlay \$5,000 and Over” line in the July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005 Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! administrative budget from zero to \$15,000 for the purchase of a new copier for the administrative office.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bruce Grant; Supported by John Nagy:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.