

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MAY 2, 2006**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>MWA Staff</u></b>
Ed Dornseifer	Tim Quinn	Kathy Czerwinski	Ed Oberski
John Nagy	Gregory Skufca	Terry King	Pat Washburn
Ken Cichewicz	Bruce Grant	Susannah Thomas	Ken Kurecka
Mike Beyer	Gary Shepherd	Edward Tanzini	Sharon Reed
Talmadge Battle	Judy Barber	Robert O'Hara	Ray Ogden
Ruth Retlewski	Joseph Powe	Daniel Streeter	Rose Onan
Tom Begin	Steve Jonas	Lisa Hadden	Sharon Reed
Jim Bates	Odail Thorns	Dave Corcoran	Esther Sanders
Amy Rodriquez	Yves Hamel	Kathy Cholak-Jones	
Laura Hamilton		Clark Volz (inactive status)	

**GUESTS**

Trisha Andrzejewski, Saginaw FOC  
Jennifer Barnes, Saginaw FOC  
Rose Beane, Saginaw Public Schools  
Dennis Beson, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Jann Bostwick, Bay FOC  
Andrea Bridgewater, Arnold Center  
Salliva Brown, APT  
Grace Burger, Bangor Twp Schools  
Kristy Bushon, Saginaw FOC  
Linda Caprathe, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Daniel Centellas, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Chris Chamberlain, Arnold Center  
Kathy Conklin, Wright K Technology  
Lori Dalton, Delta Corporate  
Carol Dwan, Bangor Twp Schools  
Thomas Holmes, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Sharon Howell, Arnold Center

**GUESTS**

Lynda Keyser, Arnold Center  
Bill Lamere, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Rick Lane, SISD  
Brittany Lenertz, Arnold Center  
Dave Maxim, Bangor Schools  
Leonard Miesel, MRS  
Denise Montrel, APT  
Ron O'Brien, MPRI  
MaryAnn Rankey, Bay Arenac DHS  
Mike Rickey, Delta Corporate  
MaryAnn Rombach, Delta Corporate  
Larry Sanders, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Chris Shannon, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Mike Shea, Arnold Center  
Bruce Strong, SVRC Industries, Inc.  
Cindy Vansumeren, BACHS  
Cathy Wildes, MCEA

**ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER**

Bruce Grant, Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:33 p.m., at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center, 3875 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

**ITEM #2 ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Items 8-C-3 and 8-C-4 were deleted from the agenda.

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

**Motion by: Gregory Skufca; Support by: Tim Quinn:**

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated April 4, 2006.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

The audience introduced themselves and stated the reason for their attendance. There was no other public comment.

## **ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Employer usage of the Michigan Talent Bank**

A powerpoint presentation on Employer usage of the Michigan Talent Bank was given by Gerrit Wierda, MWA Staff.

## **ITEM #8: REPORTS**

### **A. Chairperson's Report**

The Board reviewed the article from The Lansing State Journal, April 26, 2006: "Lawmakers renewed push for changes to welfare".

It was reported that Chairman Grant, Consortium Board Chairperson Rose Marie McQuaid and Director Ed Oberski recently took part in the Michigan Works! Legislative Day in Lansing.

Chairman Bruce Grant requested that the Annual Meeting be moved from December to another time of year, due to busy work schedules. It was reported that the issue had been previously discussed and voted to be kept in December.

**Motion by: Tom Begin; supported by Ed Dornseifer:**

That the Annual meeting be held on a Monday, in the month of October; the date will be determined by location availability.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

### **B. COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1. BAY COUNTY PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Laura Hamilton reported that the Bay County Committee met and recommends the following:

#### **Recommendation:**

- Adult/Dislocated Worker Program – Arnold Center
- Welfare Reform – Bangor Schools

**Motion by: Laura Hamilton; supported by Jim Bates:**

To award the Bay County Adult/Dislocated Worker program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Arnold Center, subject to successful negotiations; and to award the Bay County Welfare Reform program contract for September 1, 2006 through October 30, 2009 to Bangor Schools, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Recommendation:**

- In-School Youth Program – Bay City Schools and Arnold Center with the following contingency: management is authorized to negotiate with the Arnold Center to the extent that funding is available after negotiations with Bay City Schools. An apparent conflict of interest was noted in that Bay City Schools Superintendent, Carolyn Wierda, is married to Michigan Works! administrative staff person, Gerrit Wierda.

**Motion by: Laura Hamilton; supported by Jim Bates:**

To award the In-School Youth program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Bay City Schools, subject to successful negotiations; and authorize negotiations and an In-School Youth contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 with the Arnold Center to the extent that funding is available after negotiations with Bay City Schools.

**Motion passed by a show of hands indicating two-thirds majority vote.**

**Recommendation:**

- Out-of-School Youth Program – Bay Arenac Community High School with the following contingency: management is authorized to negotiate with Bay City Schools to the extent that funding is available after negotiations with Bay Arenac Community High School. An apparent conflict of interest was noted in that Bay City Schools Superintendent, Carolyn Wierda, is married to Michigan Works! administrative staff person, Gerrit Wierda.

**Motion by: Laura Hamilton; supported by Jim Bates:**

To award the Out-of-School Youth program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to Bay Arenac Community High School; and authorize negotiations and an Out-of-School Youth contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 with Bay City Schools to the extent that funding is available after negotiations with Bay Arenac Community High School.

**Motion passed by a show of hands indicating two-thirds majority vote.**

**Recommendation:**

- General Youth Program – Arnold Center. Although Saginaw Schools scored higher than Arnold Center, the Committee recommended Arnold Center for the following reasons:
  - The difference in the scores did not appear to be significant: Saginaw Schools 76 out of 95, Arnold Center 75 out of 95.
  - The Saginaw Schools was received four minutes after the deadline and it was incomplete in that it did not respond to mandatory questions regarding conflict of interest and ability to repay disallowed costs.
  - Efficiency: This would be Saginaw Schools only contract in Bay County, and they would probably have to staff it with at least two people. Arnold Center was also recommended for the Adult and Dislocated Worker

contract in Bay County. This would give them sufficient flexibility to staff the General Youth contract with as few as one staff person.

**Motion by: Laura Hamilton; supported by Jim Bates:**

To award the General Youth program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to Arnold Center, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**2. MIDLAND COUNTY PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS**

Gregory Skufca reported that the Midland County Committee met and recommends the following:

**Recommendation:**

- Adult/Dislocated Worker, Welfare Reform, General Youth and Out-of-School Youth Programs – Arnold Center

**Motion by: Gregory Skufca; supported by Ruth Retlewski:**

To award the Adult/Dislocated Worker, Welfare Reform, General Youth and Out-of-School Youth Program contracts for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Arnold Center, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Recommendation:**

- In-School Youth Program – Midland County ESA. An apparent conflict of interest was noted in that WDB member, Clark Volz, is the Superintendent of Midland County ESA. Mr. Volz has gone on inactive status as a WDB member and will resign his membership if a contract with Midland County ESA results from this procurement process.

**Motion by Gregory Skufca; supported by Tom Begin:**

To award the In-School Youth Program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Midland County ESA, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by show of hands indicating a two-thirds majority.**

**3. SAGINAW COUNTY PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS**

John Nagy reported that the Saginaw County Committee met and recommends the following:

**Recommendation:**

- Welfare Reform – SVRC Industries, Inc.

**Motion by John Nagy; supported by Tom Begin:**

To award the Welfare Reform program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the SVRC Industries, Inc., subject to successful negotiations.

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

**Recommendation:**

- Adult/Dislocated Worker – SVRC Industries, Inc. Although the high scorer was The Arnold Center (73 points to SVRC's 68 points), the Committee recommended SVRC for the following reason:
  - SVRC's headquarters is in Saginaw while The Arnold Center's headquarters is in Midland.

**Motion by Ruth Retlewski; supported by Odail Thorns:**

To **REJECT** the Saginaw County Committee recommendation, and to award the highest scoring bidder, Arnold Center, the Adult/Dislocated Worker program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, subject to successful negotiations.

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

**Recommendation:**

- General Youth Program – Saginaw Schools and to waive the following deficiencies in the Saginaw Schools proposal:
  - Lateness: the proposal was received four minutes after the deadline.
  - Incompleteness: the proposal did not respond to mandatory questions regarding conflict of interest and ability to repay disallowed costs.

**Motion by: John Nagy; supported by Ed Dornseifer:**

To waive the proposals discrepancies regarding late submittal and incompleteness, and award the General Youth program contract for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Saginaw Schools, subject to successful negotiations.

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

**Recommendation:**

- In-School and Out of-School Youth Program – Saginaw County ISD. An apparent conflict of interest was noted in that WDB member, Joseph Powe, is a Board member for Saginaw County ISD, and WDB member, John Nagy and Michigan Works! Director Ed Oberski are board members of Saginaw County Business Education Partnership, a subcontractor under the Saginaw County ISD proposals.

**Motion by: Ed Dornseifer; supported by Ruth Retlewski:**

To award the In-School and Out-of-School Youth program contracts for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to the Saginaw County ISD, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by show of hands indicating a two-thirds majority. Joseph Powe and John Nagy abstained.**

**C. Executive Committee Report**

**1. Friend of the Court Performance and Performance Reports**

At its May 1, 2006 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed detailed information from the Saginaw County and Bay County Friend of the Court regarding their contracts for the referral of non-custodial parents to the Michigan Works! Work First program. The Committee recommends that the Board accept both County's Friend of the Court reports and performance as satisfactory to date.

**Motion by: Ed Dornseifer; supported by John Nagy:**

That the reports and performance of the Saginaw County and Bay County Friends of the Court are satisfactory to date.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**2. Michigan Works! role in the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative**

At its May 1, 2006 meeting, the Executive Committee considered management staff's request for authority to accept the role as fiscal agent for the Saginaw Prisoner Re-entry Initiative. The Committee felt that the Board's concerns about potential liability had been addressed. It recommended that that the Board approve management staff's request.

**Motion by: Ed Dornseifer; supported by John Nagy:**

That the Workforce Development Board grant Michigan Works! Administration the authority to accept the role as fiscal agent for the Saginaw Prisoner Re-entry Initiative.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**D. Finance Report**

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Reports for March 2006.

**E. Performance Report**

The Board reviewed the Monthly Performance Reports.

**F. Directors Report**

It was reported that an increase to the SVRC Work First contract for \$70,000 in supportive services was approved by Director's discretion.

**ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONTRACT FOR A FUND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PACKAGE**

The Board reviewed the recommendation for approval to contract for a fund accounting software package.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion by Ed Dornseifer; support by: Tom Begin:**

That the WDB authorize staff to negotiate and cause a contract to be executed with Huckstep & Associates for the purchase and implementation of a fund accounting software package, and for related training and technical assistance, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Any resultant contract must be consistent with the funding and duration parameters set forth in the RFP.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO SELECT DELTA COLLEGE AS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE/WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT CORE SERVICES/TRADE ACT SERVICES PROGRAM COVERING ALL THREE COUNTIES**

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation to select Delta College as successful bidder for the Employment Service/WIA Core Services/Trade Act Services program covering all three counties.

**Motion by: Steve Jonas; supported by: Ruth Retlewski:**

To award the Employment Service/WIA Core Services/Trade Act Services program contract covering all three counties for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 to Delta College, subject to successful negotiations.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #11 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for February 2006**

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

**B. Letter from Congressman Dave Camp in response to correspondence regarding the President's proposed reductions to Workforce Investment Act and Employment Service funding.**

The Board reviewed the letter from Congressman Dave Camp in response to correspondence regarding the President's proposed reductions to WIA and Employment Service funding.

**ITEM #10 ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by: Tim Quinn; support by Jim Bates:**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.**