

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MAY 3, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Dornseifer
Ken Cichewicz
Mike Beyer
Talmadge Battle
Ruth Retlewski
Jim Bates
Amy Rodriguez
Laura Hamilton
Tim Quinn
Terry King
Gregory Skufca
Julie Carey

Bruce Grant
Gary Shepherd
Judy Barber
Joseph Powe
Clark Volz
Robert O'Hara
Odail Thorns
Steve Jonas
Dave Corcoran
Kathy Cholak-Jones
Bruce Griffith

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Nagy
Connie Kostrzewa
Kathy Czerwinski
Daniel Streeter

GUESTS

Rick Burmeister, Midland DHS
Gary Feit, SVRC
Larry Sanders, SVRC
Jason Palmer, MDLEG

STAFF

Ed Oberski
Ray Ogden
Ken Kurecka
Rose Onan

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Tim Quinn, Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:32 p.m., at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center, Classroom A & B, 3875 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

The above members were present.

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Several items were added to the agenda: Item #7-D: Resignation of WDB member; Item #7-E: 25th Annual Michigan Works! Conference; Item #8-A-6: Saginaw County audit and Item 10-B: Staff Recommendation to increase Saginaw County Friend of Court contract amount.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Support by Julie Carey:

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated April 5, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience introduced themselves.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for March 2005

The Board reviewed the DLEG Labor Market Information Report for March 2005.

B. Gongwer News, April 20, 2005, Chair of House Subcommittee Questions Funding for MEDC

The Board reviewed the April 20, 2005, issue of “Gongwer News” referencing Chair of House Subcommittee Questions Funding for MEDC.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Support by Laura Hamilton:

That a letter be drafted for Tim Quinn’s signature on behalf of the Workforce Development Board and sent to area legislators supporting continued funding for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Motion passed by voice vote. Bruce Griffith abstained.

C. Business or program related newspaper articles

The Board reviewed the newspaper articles regarding “Regional teamwork holds key to Tri-County economic growth”; “Adult ed facing huge cut”; “All’s fair in employment”; “Tomion picked for state task force”; “Airport usage concern of councilmen”; and “Van Dyke dumped from successful business park he pushed to create”.

Discussed ensued.

Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Support by Kathy Cholak-Jones:

That a letter be drafted for Tim Quinn’s signature on behalf of the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board and sent to federal legislators urging them to vote against the proposed budget cuts in Adult Education.

Motion passed by voice vote.

D. Resignation Letter from Workforce Development Board Member

The Board reviewed the resignation letter dated April 26, 2005 from WDB private sector member Cathy O’Connor-Harms. Her resignation is effective immediately.

E. 20th Annual Michigan Works Conference

It was reported that the 20th Annual Michigan Works! conference will be held at the Soaring Eagle Resort and Hotel in Mt Pleasant, Michigan on September 11-13, 2005. Executive Committee members are encouraged to attend. If unable to attend, they were invited to suggest a WDB member who may be interested in attending.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the WIA, Work First and Employment Service reports.

2. REPORT ON APRIL 27, 2005 MICHIGAN WORKS! LEGISLATIVE DAY

It was reported that 23 out of 25 MWA's in the state attended the Michigan Works! Legislative Day on April 27. Chairman Tim Quinn, Saginaw County Commissioner/Consortium Board member Carl Ruth and Ed Oberski attended the event.

The legislative goals of the Michigan Works! Association are: 1) to restore Work First funding to 2001 levels; and 2) to fund Work First entirely out of TANF. Attendees from our MWA met with State Representatives Roger Kahn, Carl Williams, John Moolenaar and State Senator Mike Goschka.

3. UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE TO PLACE 30,000 JOBSEEKERSW INTO EMPLOYMENT

It was reported that the Governor had sent letters to between 250,000-280,000 employers requesting that they pledge job openings in the state. "Michigan Opportunity Partnership" program training will be conducted this week for relevant contractor staff.

It was reported that the several MWA and contractor staff visited the Michigan Works! Agency in Escanaba, Michigan. Their system of registering job seekers, dealing with businesses, etc. was reviewed. Staff from that Michigan Works! Agency have been invited to our MWA to present their business service methods.

4. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL TO EMPHASIZE BUSINESS SERVICES

It was reported that a Business Services Unit has been established to work with and contact employers. Arnold Center, Bangor Township Schools, SVRC Industries, Inc. and Delta Corporate Services will provide staff for the core group.

5. APRIL 18, 2005 CORRESPONDENCE FROM DLEG ENCOURAGING CO-LOCATION WITH DHS

The Board reviewed the April 18, 2005 Correspondence from DLEG with encourages co-location with DHS.

6. COUNTY OF SAGINAW AUDIT

Ray Ogden, Finance Manager, presented the County of Saginaw audit for the year ending September 30, 1994 had no audit findings. The audit includes all funding and programs administered by Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works, and it made no findings applicable to those programs or funds.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The Board reviewed the director's recommendation for changes to the strategic planning process. It was suggested that a committee be appointed which would meet, review and report back to the WDB on specific areas that need to be addressed.

Tim Quinn stated that he and Ed Oberski will discuss possible approaches and report back to the WDB.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF COURT CONTRACT

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation to increase the Saginaw County Friend of the Court contract amount by \$45,000. This amount would provide funding for one attorney and one support staff from June 1, 2005-September 30, 2005.

Discussion ensued.

Motion by Ed Dornseifer; Support by Jim Bates:

To increase the Saginaw County Friend of the Court contract by \$45,000 through September 30, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote with Judy Barber dissenting.

ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bruce Grant; Supported by: Amy Rodriquez:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.