

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
August 2, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Quinn	Terry King
Jim Bates	John Nagy
Judy Barber	Robert O’Hara
Mike Beyer	Joseph Powe
Julie Carey	Ruth Retlewski
Dave Corcoran	Amy Rodriguez
Kathy Czerwinski	Gary Shepherd
Edward Dornseifer	Gregory Skufca
Bruce Grant	Daniel Streeter
Bruce Griffith	Edward Tanzini
Laura Hamilton	Odail Thorns, Jr.
Steve Jonas	Clark Volz
Kathy Cholak-Jones	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Talmadge Battle  
Ken Cichewicz  
Connie Kostrzewa

**STAFF**

Ed Oberski  
Pat Washburn  
Katie Kindred  
Ken Kurecka  
Jeff Jankens  
Gerrit Wierda

**GUESTS**

Linda Caprathe, SVRC  
Olga Pilar, ACI  
David Scott, Saginaw DHS  
Carol Dwan, Bangor  
Lori Dalton, DCCS  
Mike Rickey, DCCS  
Norm Braddock, SVRC  
Mike Shea, ACI

**ITEM #1      CALL TO ORDER**

Tim Quinn, Chairman of the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m., at the Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, North Pointe Plaza, The Eugene Gwizdala Room, 4061 N. Euclid, Bay City, Michigan.

**ITEM #2      ROLL CALL**

The Workforce Development Board members present, staff, and guests listed were in attendance.

**ITEM #3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bridges Out of Poverty Training was added as Item 8-B-5 under Director’s Reports, and Handling of Inactive Adult and Dislocated Worker Participants was added as Item 10-A under New Business.

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

**Ruth Retlewski moved, supported by Bruce Grant:**

That the minutes for June 7, 2005 of the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board are approved.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience was introduced and expressed no comments.

**ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS**

**A. NEW BOARD MEMBER**

New Board member, Edward Tanzini, was introduced. It was announced that board member, Odail Thorns, Jr., has been appointed as the Development Director for the City of Saginaw.

**B. MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE SECTOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Michigan Works! Association has nominated John Nagy to receive the Individual Private Sector Volunteer of the Year Award. The award will be presented to him on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Annual Michigan Works! Conference.

**ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. DLEG LABOR MARKET INFORMATION REPORT FOR MAY 2005**

The Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives Report for May 2005.

**B. JULY 12, 2005 GONGWER NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE: "MANUFACTURING WOES HURTS SAGINAW COUNTY"**

The Board reviewed the July 12, 2005 article reporting that "Manufacturing Woes Hurts Saginaw County."

**C. JULY 15, 2005 GONGWER NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE: "WELFARE CASELOADS CONTINUE FALL"**

The Board reviewed the July 15, 2005 article reporting that welfare caseloads continue to drop.

**D. JUNE 28, 2005 LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT APPLICATION**

The Board reviewed a letter of support from Ed Oberski to Eric Luetkenhaus, Grant Officer in Washington DC, to support the Delta College Community Grant application for training in the health care industry.

**E. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

The Board reviewed various business or program related local newspaper articles.

**ITEM #8 REPORTS**

**A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP (EAG) MEMBERS**

Chairman Tim Quinn approved both the regular, and alternate Education Advisory Group (EAG) Nominations effective July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007:

Jerry Seese	Kathy Conklin	Gary Hughes
Richard Lane	Cathy Wildes	Laura Hamilton
Michael Murphy	Carolyn Wierda	Joan Douglas
Richard Syrek	Michael Rivard	Patricia Graves
Roger Anderson		

Alternates:  
Donald Zoller  
Rich Dyer  
Sally Peterson

**B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the monthly performance reports.

**2. FUNDING UPDATE**

It was reported that the state legislature is further behind in approving the budget than in past years. It is anticipated that there will be no cuts in the Work First program. An increase of about 10% is possible. Congress continues to work on the federal budget impacting our 06-07 funding.

### **3. DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION CONTRACT BUDGET INCREASE**

It was reported that the Barckholtz Group contract was increased by an additional \$17,261.16 for the Regional Skills Alliance (RSA) nurse retrieval program.

### **4. NOMINATIONS FOR MICHIGAN WORKS! ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Michigan Works! Association is accepting nominations for WDB members who are interested in serving on the Michigan Works! Association Executive Committee. Please contact Ed Oberski and he will process the nomination.

### **5. BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING**

It was reported that Michigan Works! Administration has contracted for Bridges Out of Poverty Training workshops. The Bridges Out of Poverty training will be held on August 24—25, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., at Creative Spirit Center, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland, Michigan. Board members who would like to attend should contact Pat Washburn.

### **ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. HANDLING OF INACTIVE WIA ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PARTICIPANTS**

It was reported that there are inactive WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker participants in the program. The options suggested to handle this problem: 1) Continue the current practice, 2) Exit all and start new for better accuracy, 3) Exit them slowly over a few years to minimize the negative impact on performance standards.

#### **Bruce Grant moved, supported by Clark Volz:**

That management staff should identify all Adult and Dislocated Workers who should have been exited, and exit them prior to July 1, 2005 utilizing an appropriate exit date.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #11    ADJOURNMENT**

**Bruce Grant moved, supported by Kathy Czerwinski:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.