

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MINUTES
September 6, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Quinn	Kathy Cholak-Jones
Jim Bates	Terry King
Judy Barber	John Nagy
Talmadge Battle	Robert O'Hara
Ken Cichewicz	Ruth Retlewski
Dave Corcoran	Amy Rodriguez
Edward Dornseifer	Edward Tanzini
Bruce Grant	Odail Thorns, Jr.
Steve Jonas	Clark Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Beyer
Julie Carey
Kathy Czerwinski
Bruce Griffith
Laura Hamilton
Connie Kostrzewa
Joseph Powe
Gary Shepherd
Gregory Skufca
Daniel Streeter

STAFF

Ed Oberski
Pat Washburn
Ray Ogden
Ken Kurecka
Gerrit Wierda
Katie Kindred

GUESTS

Andrea Bridgewater, ACI	Sue Prine, FOC
Olga Pilar, ACI	David Scott, Saginaw DHS
Jason Palmer, DLEG	Larry Sanders, SVRC
Linda Caprathe, SVRC	Monica Borsenik, SVR4C
Bill LaMere, SVRC	Tricia Weinecke, SVR4c
Trisha Andrzejewski, FOC	Mike Shea, ACI
Carol Dwan, Bangor	

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Tim Quinn, Chairman of the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center, Classrooms A & B, 3875 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

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

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Funding Update was added as Item 8-B-3, RSA Update was added as Item 8-B-4, A New Michigan Works! Service Center Update was added as Item 8-B-5, and Saginaw Job Fair was added as Item 8-B-6 under Director's Report. Food Assistance Employment & Training (FAE&T) Plan Summaries for Program Operations was added as Item 10-E-1 and Supportive Service was added as Item 10-E-2 under News Business. Bridges Out of Poverty Training report was added as Item 10-F under New Business.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Edward Dornseifer moved, supported by Ruth Retlewski:

That the minutes for August 2, 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.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

New Board member, Tom Begin, was announced to the Board.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG LABOR MARKET INFORMATION REPORT FOR JULY 2005

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

B. JULY 29, 2005 THIS WEEK AT MEDC ARTICLE: "MIDLAND, GRAND HAVEN CELEBRATE COOL CITIES MAIN STREET AWARDS"

The Board reviewed the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) report that State officials joined leaders and citizens of Midland, and Grand Haven to celebrate the communities' Cool Cities Main Street designation awards announced by Governor Granholm.

C. AUGUST 12, 2005, 2005 GONGWER NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE: "MICHIGAN OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP PLACES 6,000 WORKERS"

The Board reviewed the August 12, 2005 Gongwer Article regarding the MI Opportunity Partnership.

**D. AUGUST 17, 2005, GONGWER NEWS SERVICE ARTICLES:
“ADMINISTRATION FORECASTS NET JOB LOSS FOR ‘05” AND
“JULY UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS”**

The Board reviewed the August 17, 2005 Gongwer Articles regarding Administration Forecasts Net Job Loss for '05, and July Unemployment Grows.

E. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

**F. AWARD RECEIVED BY THE SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY
MICHIGAN WORKS! WORK FIRST PROGRAM IN MIDLAND**

The Board reviewed the Special Tribute Award from the State of Michigan received by the Michigan Works! Work First program in Midland County operated by The Arnold Center.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON' REPORT

1. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Board members John Nagy; Saginaw County, Terry King; Midland County, and Amy Rodriguez, Bay County were appointed to the Nominations Committee.

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

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

Regular

Gerald Dawkins
Julie Walker

Alternates

Joseph Ellison
Antionette Turner

B. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the monthly performance reports.

2. GOVERNOR’S AUGUST 25, 2005 VISIT TO THE SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! WORK FIRST PROGRAM

The Board received a report on the Governor’s August 25, 2005 visit to the Michigan Works! Work First program in Saginaw operated by SVRC.

3. FUNDING UPDATE

It was reported that it is possible that the funding available for the October 1, 2005—September 30, 2006 Work First program in our area may be \$500,000 to nearly \$1,000,000.00 over the amount projected in the budget approved by the Board at its June 2005 meeting.

4. RSA UPDATE

The Board received a brief report on the status of the Health Care Regional Skills Alliance. A more detailed report shall be scheduled for the November Board meeting.

5. UPDATE ON A NEW MICHIGAN WORKS! SERVICE CENTER IN SAGINAW

It was reported that a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued. Proposals are due Wednesday, November 16, 2005. The Bidders Conference is Thursday, September 15, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center. The Request for Proposals will be opened at the Saginaw WDB Committee on November 17, 2005. The WDB shall make the final selection.

6. SAGINAW JOB FAIR 2005

It was reported that a Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2005, 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Horizons Conference Center, 6200 State Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS

A. STAFF REQUEST TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH SAGINAW VALLEY REGIONAL 4C

Odail Thorns, Jr. moved, supported by Judy Barber:

That the Workforce Development Board approve an October 1, 2005—September 30, 2006 Saginaw Valley Regional 4C child care referral contract in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, and authorize the execution of a contract pending successful negotiations.

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. STAFF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING FUNDS

Edward Dornseifer moved, supported by Dave Corcoran:

That the Workforce Development Board approve the Program Year 2005 Incumbent Worker Plan, and authorize signatures on related plan documents in the amount of \$114,096 (planning allocation).

Motion passed by voice vote.

C. STAFF REQUEST TO PURSUE RSA PARTNERSHIP

Ruth Retlewski moved, supported by Judy Barber:

That the Workforce Development Board approve a partnership with Thumb Area Michigan Works! for an advanced manufacturing Regional Skills Alliance in which Thumb Area Michigan Works! would act as the convener.

Motion passed by voice vote.

D. STAFF REQUEST TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH SAGINAW FRIEND OF THE COURT

Bruce Grant moved, supported by Judy Barber:

That the WDB approve a Non-Custodial Parent referral contract with the Saginaw FOC in a amount not to exceed \$183,108.00 for the October 2005 to September 2006 Program Year contingent upon adequate performance and performance reports. The adequacy of performance and performance reports shall be determined by the WDB.

Motion passed by voice vote.

**E. FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (FAE&T)
PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PLAN
SUMMARIES**

1. FAE&T PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Bob O'Hara moved, supported by Odail Thorns, Jr:

That the Board approve plan and authorized signatures on the related proposal for funding for Program Year October 1, 2005—September 30, 2006 for the planning allocation amount of \$230,250.

Motion passed by voice vote.

2. FAE&T SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Bruce Grant moved, supported by Odail Thorns, Jr:

That the Board approve plan and authorized signatures on the related proposal for funding for Program Year October 1, 2005—September 30, 2006 for the planning allocation amount of \$5,017.

Motion passed by voice vote.

F. BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY TRAINING

Board members who attended the Bridges Out of Poverty Training made a brief report to the Board regarding the training.

ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Grant moved, supported by Ruth Retlewski:

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.