

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD  
MINUTES  
March 28, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rose Marie McQuaid  
Raymond Bartels  
Thomas Basil  
Richard Byrne  
Kim Coonan  
James Graham  
Eugene Gwizdala  
Tim Novak  
Carl Ruth

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Thomas Hickner  
Terry Sangster  
Howard Schoenherr

**GUESTS**

Linda Caprathe, SVRC  
Daniel Centellas, SVRC  
Carol Dwan, Bangor  
Grace Burger, Bangor

**ITEM #1      CALL TO ORDER**

Rose Marie McQuaid, Chairperson of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Midland Michigan Works! Service Center, McQuaid Room, 1409 Washington, Midland, Michigan.

**ITEM #2      ROLL CALL**

The Consortium Board members present and guests listed were in attendance.

**ITEM #3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No action occurred at the March 22, 2005 WDB Executive Committee meeting; therefore, Items 10-A, 10-B, 10-C, and 10-D were deleted.

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

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That the minutes for January 24, 2005 and February 28, 2005 of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board are approved.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5      AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience expressed no comments.

**ITEM #6 INTRODUCTION**

There were no introductions.

**ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS**

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

The Board reviewed the items referenced under communications.

**ITEM #8 REPORTS**

**A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. HEALTH CARE REGIONAL SKILLS ALLIANCE NURSE RETRIEVAL PROGRAM**

Dennis Brieske and Leslie Roth, Consultants for the Regional Skills Alliance (RSA) provided an update on the RSA.

**2. MICHIGAN WORKS! ROLE IN THE GOVERNOR'S THREE PRONG APPROACH TO ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

It was reported that the Governor expects Michigan Works! to play a major role in her initiative to move an additional 30,000 unemployed persons into jobs by December 31, 2005. In that regard, Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! will place its current efforts at establishing a business services unit on a fast track. The intent is to create substantial increases in the number of employer customers using the Michigan Works! system.

**3. UPDATE ON NEW SAGINAW SERVICE CENTER**

It was reported that Michigan Works! Administration is moving forward in developing specifications for the new Downtown Saginaw Service Center. In that regard, staff requested the support of the Board for the closing of the Saginaw Township Service Center when the new Downtown Saginaw Center is completed, and the consolidation of the Township Center into the new Downtown Center at that time. The current Downtown Service Center serves a jobseeker traffic flow of over 35,000 per year with a staff of 6-7. The Saginaw Township Center serves about half that amount with twice as many staff. At this point it is anticipated that Michigan Works! would continue to use the Saginaw Township facility; perhaps as a business services center or as administrative offices.

**Motion by Raymond Bartels, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That the Consortium Board supports the consolidation of the Saginaw Township Service Center into the new Downtown Saginaw Service Center once it is completed.

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**4. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

The Board received the monthly performance reports.

**ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS**

No old business commenced.

**ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND ENTER A CONTRACT FOR FUNDING ADDITIONAL CAREER LADDERS**

**Motion by Ray Bartels, supported by Tim Novak:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the WDB action authorizing staff to negotiate and cause a contract to be executed with MITECH+ to develop Career Ladders materials for the construction and information technology industries.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO APPROVE MICHIGAN WORKS! SYSTEM PLAN RENEWAL**

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by James Graham:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the approval of the Michigan Works! System Plan.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Richard Byrnes:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.