

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!  
OPERATIONS BOARD MINUTES  
Saginaw Service Center, Classroom C, 312 E. Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48607  
August 25, 2014**

**CONS BOARD  
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carl Ruth  
Dan McGillivray  
Robert Woods  
James Leigeb  
Chuck Stack  
Tom Herek  
Michael Hanley  
Vaughn Begick

**WDB MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Joseph Powe  
Colleen Markel  
Jennifer Hayes  
Valerie Hoffman  
Dan Wortman  
Sharon Miller

**CONS BD MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Donald Tilley  
Jim Theisen

**WDB MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Terry King  
Tom Begin  
Jeff Adamo  
Chris Taylor

**MWA STAFF**

Ed Oberski  
Ken Kurecka  
Ray Ogden  
Maria Vescio-Sian  
Wonzella Doyal  
Amy Pringle  
Kristen Wenzel  
Esther Sanders  
Lisa Kleekamp

**GUESTS**

Jerrard Johnson, SVRC  
George Wright, Arnold Center  
Merry Beard, SVRC  
Anna Willman-Onstott, Delta  
Jeff McNeal, Education & Training Connection

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair, Jennifer Hayes called the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Operations Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Saginaw Service Center, Classroom C, 312 E. Genesee, Saginaw, MI 48607.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Carl Ruth; support by Chuck Stack:**

To approve the Agenda as presented.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

- A. Operations Board Minutes, June 23, 2014

**Motion by Robert Woods; support by Sharon Miller:**

To approve the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Operations Board minutes dated June 23, 2014 as presented.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

**ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**ITEM #7: CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Carl Ruth; support by Chuck Stack:**

To approve the Consent Agenda, and grant the Board Co-Chairs authority to accept and sign for:

- A. Authorization of the plan to accept 2014-2015 Partnership, Accountability, Training and Hope Program (PATH) (amount to be determined)
- B. Authorization of the plan to accept 2014 - 2015 PATH DHS Supportive Services Grant (amount to be determined)
- C. Authorization of the plan to accept 2014 – 2015 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E & T) (amount to be determined)
- D. Authorization of the Plan to accept 2014 – 2015 SNAP E & T Supportive Services Grant (amount to be determined)

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8: ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A: Continued Discussion on the Governor’s Prosperity Region Initiative:

CEO Oberski informed the Board that the CEOs of the three Michigan Works! Agencies in the 8-County East Central Michigan Prosperity Region had agreed to work together to recommend to our Boards and Counties that we create a single Michigan Works! Agency covering the 8 Counties. The next step in the process will be a joint meeting of the leadership of the three Local Elected Official Boards and three

Workforce Development Boards. We are attempting to schedule a meeting during the week of October 6 or October 20.

B: CEO Evaluation:

CEO Oberski notified the Board that the new Interlocal Agreement between Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties requires an annual evaluation of the CEO. The Board engaged in discussion about possible evaluation processes and best practices. CEO Oberski shall consult with the Co-Chairs and submit a recommended evaluation procedure for Board consideration at the next meeting.

**ITEM #9: REPORTS**

A: Fiscal Reports

CAO Ogden presented the quarterly Fiscal Reports. In addition, CAO Ogden presented the Saginaw County annual audit and State Workforce Development Agency review of the audit, and the monitoring results of our contracted program service providers by our monitoring firm, Abraham & Gaffney.

B: Other Reports

CEO Report:

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) was signed into law by President Obama on July 22, 2014. This law will replace the current Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and will take effect on July 1, 2015. As of now, we don't believe that the WIOA will require any major changes in our operations with the possible exception of our Youth Programs.
- Board members are encouraged to register for and attend the annual Michigan Works! Conference, held this year at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mount Pleasant, Sunday October 12 through Tuesday October 14. Unfortunately, our budget does not allow for us to pay for Board member's registration or attendance. More information can be found at [www.michiganworks.org](http://www.michiganworks.org).
- The three Michigan Works! Agencies of the East Central Michigan Works! Prosperity Region joined in a competitive grant application and received a two-year \$747,005 Job Driven National Emergency Grant. The required focus of the grant is service to dislocated workers who are defined as long-term unemployed. Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! will serve as the fiscal agent for the entire grant. Our portion will be just over \$290,000.

**ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Carl Ruth; support by Chuck Stack:**

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**