

Workforce Development Board (WDB)

Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI)

Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2020

10:30 a.m.

**Location: BJ's Restaurant & Catering
4800 W. Four Mile Rd., Grayling**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 10:30 a.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **INTRODUCTIONS**

WDB MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Bachmann	Jason Reed
Erika Comerford	Diane Rekowski (Alternate)
Sheryl Coyne	Jessica Mika
Travis Brady (Alternate)	Kathleen Fox
Jackie Krawczak (Alternate)	Keri Sheer
Dana McGrew	

WDB MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Nash (non-voting)
Julie Waldron
Alan Mabarak
Eileen Tussey
Lisa Bolen
Deborah Larson
Brooke Sprenger

STAFF PRESENT

Tricia Selke, Quality Assurance Specialist
Alicia Wallace, Marketing & Communications Manager
Collin Hoffmeyer, Business Solutions Manager
Laura Budreau, Planning & Program Manager
Ned Heath, Youth Program Manager
Marisue Moreau, Director
Yolanda Romel, Career Navigator

RPI

Diane Rekowski
Audra Leininger
Erich Podjaske
Doug Baum

GUESTS

Chuck Hayes, North Central Michigan College

IV. WDB ELECTIONS

a. Election of Chair

The current Chair is Sheryl Coyne

Are there any Nominations for Chair?

Erika Comerford nominated *Sheryl Coyne*

Are there any other Nominations for Chair?

No

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No

Chair nominations are now closed.

The nomination of Sheryl Coyne was supported by Dana McGrew. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

b. Election of Vice-Chair

The current chair is Eileen Tussey

Are there any nominations for Vice-Chair?

Sheryl Coyne nominated *Eileen Tussey*

Are there any other nominations for Vice-Chair?

No

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No

Vice-Chair nominations are now closed.

The nomination of Eileen Tussey was supported by Erich Bachman. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

c. Election of two additional WDB Members from the private sector for the Executive Committee

The current positions are held by Rina Bethany and Dana McGrew

Are there any nominations for the Executive Committee?

Diane Rekowski nominated Jackie Krawczak and Jessica Mika.

Are there any other nominations for the Executive Committee?

No

Are there any other nominations for the Executive Committee?

No

The nomination of Jackie Krawczak and Jessica Mika was supported by Dana McGrew. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Executive Committee consists of *Sheryl Coyne, Eileen Tussey, Jackie Krawczak, and Jessica Mika.*

V. WDB ACTION ITEM: CONSENT AGENDA-

October 23, 2019 meeting minutes
December 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes
2020 Meeting Dates
Fiscal Year 2020 Partnership Accountability Training Hope (PATH) Plan
Local Policy: Basic Skills Deficient
Local Policy: (Youth) Service Delivery
Local Policy: (Youth) Five Percent Exception
Local Policy: Growth Industries and Demand Occupations
Local Policy: Incumbent Worker Training
Local Policy: WIOA Individual Training Accounts
Local Policy: Service Delivery- Adult & Dislocated Worker
Local Policy: Supportive Services for Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth
CEAC- New Member

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as listed made by Dana McGrew and seconded by Diane Rekowski. Voted: All Ayes

VI. REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE (RPI) ACTION ITEMS

- a. Minutes
- b. Financial Report

The RPI did not receive funding for this program year but the board plans to move forward with the meetings to discuss and brain storm other funding sources. Discussion is still taking place to how often the meetings will be held. Other news in RPI, Steve Schnell has accepted a job offer with a different organization and his last day will be March 13, 2020 and Audra is currently work on the website for the Talent Hub which will be launched within the next couple months.

VII. CAREER & EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATE

- a. Section 61(b) Update

The region will receive funding again for CTE programs for students in dual enrollment or Early Middle College, who attend schools at Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, COOR ISD, Gaylord, Iosco RESA, and Whittemore-Prescott. The amount of funding received will be based on the number of students enrolled in a certain program. The number of participants has increased since last year.

- b. Jobs for Michigan Graduates (JMG) Update

JMG is a state-based organization that is dedicated to keeping young people in school through graduation to improve the rate of success in achieving education and career goals. Michigan Works! NC was approved for a 100 kid, \$90,000 contract. The funding has not been received yet but it is expected in the near future. Within our organization there has been a change in the managerial duties of the JMG. Jessie Trumble, Youth Career Advisor Lead, has currently taken over this role and the program is serving 80 kids with an additional 20 more expected over the

next couple of weeks. Out of the 80 kids being served, 78 of them are dually enrolled in the WIOA Youth Program.

c. Summer Young Professionals Program

The Summer Young Professionals initiative is a way to reduce unemployment by introducing under-represented young adults to work experiences and other services. The services will help the participant gain the skills necessary to help achieve economic self-sufficiency. Michigan Works! NC has been allocated \$54,294 which needs to be expended by September 30, 2020.

VIII. MiCAREERQUEST UPDATE

Alicia Wallace updated the WDB & RPI on the progress of the MiCareerQuest 2020. There are 2,047 students currently registered for the event with an additional 153 in the works to round the number to an even 2,200. There are two schools in the region that have not replied to the invitation which are Bishop Baraga and Mackinaw City. Sponsorships are at a pretty good point with \$9,500 already received and \$20,000 pending. The biggest concern at this point is transportation. Ned Heath is currently working with Dean Transportation to try to address some of the concerns. Last year cost per student was approximately \$42 and this year is will be around \$25.

IX. BUSINESS SOLUTIONS UPDATE

The Business Resource Network has moved to Alpena with a new Success Coach Katie Rousseau. The network continues to partner with Northland Area Federal Credit Union to help participants with financial barriers. The goal in the near future is to expand into different businesses, healthcare, and schools.

Sector Strategies include a Human Resource Group and the Northern Michigan Employment Coalition.

The Business Resource Professionals are proactively working on a contingency plan for Going Pro, sector group call-a-thon list for MiCareerQuest 2020, and a veteran friendly registration event.

Other news is James Fults accepted a job with MDOT.

X. WORKFORCE INNOVATION & OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) AND WELFARE REFORM

Marisue discussed her recent trip to Washington D.C. for the National Skills Coalition Skills Summit. Laura Budreau and Jessica Topp accompanied her on this big advocacy event. The Skills Summit included networking with workforce leaders, state delegation-building and advocacy, up-to-the-minute federal policy updates, developing relationships with local representatives, and opportunity to help move the needle on federal skills policy.

Laura discussed Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope (PATH) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). The PATH program through the Michigan Works Agencies assist the Family Independence Program (FIP) applicants in finding a job or to develop needed job skills. This program is trying to modernize to align the performance measures with WIOA. The statewide High School Completion or Equivalency Pilot is aiming to count hours from adult education towards work participation rate. This is a first step in this modernization.

The WIOA Summer Young Professionals program is explained in the CEAC Update portion of the minutes.

XI. FRONTLINE STAFF

Yolanda Romel explained a day in the life of a Career Navigator.

XII. GROUP DISCUSSION

No group discussion.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

XV. ROUND TABLE

No round table.

XVI. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn was made by Dana McGrew and supported by Erika Comerford. All voting Aye.
Motion carried.**

MM/LB/TS