

Workforce Development Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 1st, 2020

*** This meeting was held virtually due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. ***

Present

Jane Doty, Chair
Bill Brewer, 1st Vice Chair
Bill Kimble
Bob Trezise, Jr.
Chris Holman
Dean Poggiali
Edith Suttles
Glenn Freeman
Jane Mitchell

Janet Lillie
Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri
Rey Guzman
Sandra Pearson
Sergio Keck
Shelly Neal
Su A'lyn Holbrook

Absent

Joseph Brehler
Rebecca Bahar-Cook
Robert Proctor
Sherry Pfaff-Doodly
Tom Ruis

Staff

Becky Powers
Carrie Rosingana
Kate Snyder
Samantha Bohm
Teri Sand
Tyler Wysong

Secretariat

Edythe Copeland

AGENDA

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Bill Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:40AM.

ITEM #2 PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

*****CONSENT AGENDA***** (Attachments for each item included) *****

- ITEM #3 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2019 JOINT BOARD MEETING
ITEM #4 ACCEPTANCE OF FY20 DHHS SUPPORTIVE SERVICE FUNDING
ITEM #5 ACCEPTANCE OF FY20 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SYEP) FUNDING
ITEM #6 ACCEPTANCE OF PY19 SUMMER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM FUNDING
ITEM #7 FY20 RECOMMENDATION FOR HEALTHY MICHIGAN PLAN FUNDING
ITEM #8 ACCEPTANCE OF PY20 WIOA STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES ALLOCATIONS FOR CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM)
ITEM #9 ACCEPTANCE OF FY20 JOBS FOR MICHIGAN GRADUATES FUNDING

ITEM #10 APPOINTMENTS
A) Matt Schneider (Workforce Development Board)
20-01 Motion by Janet Lillie to accept consent agenda, supported by Bob Trezise.
Motion Passed Unanimously

*****CONSENT AGENDA*****

ITEM #11 CAITC UPDATE – (for informational purposes only) (Attachment)
Carrie gave the report on the Capital Area IT Council's memberships – currently they have 35 members on the IT Council as of March; and there are 9 new memberships being pursued.

ITEM #12 HOT JOBS REPORTS / RAPID RESPONSE REPORT (Attachments)
Carrie discussed the Hot Jobs report on behalf of the Business Services Team. The Rapid Response Report informed on Dart Container's layoffs; at the time of the report they were being assisted by Right Management. Carrie also reported that currently 5 employers are preparing for layoffs, and at this time the number of layoffs is uncertain; CAMW! is remaining closely engaged with employers to assist them during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ITEM #13 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (Attachment)

Kate gave the Communications Report, which included how the current communications have shifted to covering COVID-19 updates for CAMW! on social media; focusing on making sure that job seekers and employers are aware that services are still available virtually and remotely. The original plan for March was entrepreneurship, which will be revisited later in the year. Two of the strategic plan initiatives are being launched during April; creating workshops that will be accessible virtually (removing any transportation barriers) and setting the career networking group up virtually. Two key topics for social media in April are going to be informing the public that Michigan Works! and the Unemployment Insurance Agency are not the same entity, and the Census, to inform and encourage everyone to fill out their 2020 Census and what the Census does for communities. Face to face interviews for the month of April are cancelled for CAMW! and media interviews will be done remotely.

ITEM #14 LEAP UPDATE

Bob gave the LEAP update, informing the board that LEAP will be spearheading the Michigan Small Business Relief Program. While they are only able to select 60 applicants for the grant program, almost 2,000 applications were received, which has shown how much of a need for relief is in the community. Restaurants and childcare facilities were amongst the hardest impacted by the current economic situation. LEAP is working together with over 30 other partners to quickly review applications and get relief to small businesses. Another round of Small Business Relief Loans will be opening up to allow businesses to apply for loans to assist them as well.

ITEM #15 CEO REPORT (Attachments)

Edee reported on the current influx in unemployment claims. Select staff are continually participating in daily calls with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity staff for daily updates pertaining to unemployment and COVID-19 relief efforts in the state. Currently, 164 Michigan Works! system staff will be assisting the Unemployment Insurance Agency in navigating the high call volumes. The dollars that were in the supplemental budget, for GoingPro funding have were vetoed, to handle the COVID-19 Pandemic. While CAMW! offices are physically closed to the public, we are still working. We have staff and sub-recipients are still working in the office to access files, and complete onsite work as needed – those who are able to work from home, are working from home. CAMW! is also utilizing this time to see ways we can further reach the community by offering virtual workshops and meetings. CAMW! will continue to provide as much up to date information as possible to boards, staff, and employers as information becomes available. Edee announced that the Selection Committee, comprised of the Executive Committee of the Administrative Board, the Chair of the Workforce Development Board, and the Chair of the T3 Council, have recommended Carrie Rosingana for the position of Chief Executive Officer, beginning July 1, 2020. The recommendation will go to the Administrative Board for formal approval on April 22, 2020.

ITEM #16 OTHER

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Brewer adjourned the meeting at 8:15AM.