

**Workforce Development Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

*** This meeting was held both in-person at Capital Area Michigan Works! and virtually on Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. ***

Present

Rebecca Bahar-Cook
(Chair)
Shelly Neal (1st Vice-Chair)
Robert Trezise (2nd Vice-Chair)
Chris Holman
Cindy Kangas
Dennis M. Louney
Janet Lillie

Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri
Joseph Brehler
Karen Kafantaris
Rey Guzman
Robert (Bob) Proctor
Sergio Keck
Sherry Pfaff-Doody
Su A'lyn Holbrook
Tom Ruis
William (Bill) Brewer II
William (Bill) Kimble

Absent

Jane Mitchell
Kathie Dunbar
Matthew Schneider
Paula Cunningham

Secretariat

Carrie Rosingana

Staff

Amirika Richardson
Becky Powers
Joe Winkiel
John Adams
Nick Chaffin
Robert Ramon
Tekea Norwood
Teri Sand
Vickie Leighton

Guests

Danielle Grubaugh
Diane Breitung-Pratt
Don Kuchnicki
Kate Snyder
Micah Hefty
Tammy Nemeth

AGENDA

ITEM #1 WELCOME – Rebecca Bahar-Cook called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

ITEM #2 PUBLIC COMMENT – No comment

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

Action ITEM #3 MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2023 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

Action ITEM #4 ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FY2023 FOOD ASSISTANCE EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (FAE&T) PROGRAM FUNDING

Action ITEM #5 ACCEPTANCE OF PY2023 STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION (SAE) GRANT FUNDING

Action ITEM #6 ACCEPTANCE OF FY2021 MICHIGAN STATEWIDE TARGETED APPRENTICESHIP INCLUSIVE AND READINESS SYSTEM (MiSTAIRS) FUNDING

Action ITEM #7 ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL CY2022 REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (RESEA) FUNDING

Action ITEM #8 ACCEPTANCE OF FY2023 GOING PRO TALENT FUND (CYCLE 2) FUNDING

Action ITEM #9 APPROVAL OF NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NOMINATIONS
a. Margaret Dimond – Sparrow Health Systems
b. Fathy Shetiah – 7C Lingo and Biggby Coffee Owner

23-04 Motion by Chris Holman to accept consent agenda. Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri supports the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

ITEM #10 HOT JOBS/RAPID RESPONSE & JOBS FILLED/JOBS POSTED
Tekea Norwood gives a brief overview of the Jobs Filled report by sharing that 62 jobs were filled in the month of July with the help of the Capital Area Michigan Works! Business Services Team.

ITEM #11 PRESENTATION- JOE WINKIEL AND JOHN ADAMS - OVERVIEW OF GOING PRO TALEND FUND

ITEM #12 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT
Kate Snyder starts the communications report by giving a rundown of the new web series being hosted by CAMW! through Risky Studios titled "Women in Workforce". Women in Workforce is a new video and audio series shining a spotlight on the workforce impacts of the capital area's women in positions of leadership, while also addressing and discussing the disparities and challenges unique to women in the workforce

ITEM #13 LEAP UPDATE
Bob Trezise gives a brief update regarding LEAP and their ongoing projects.

ITEM #14**CEO REPORT**

Carrie Rosingana starts out the CEO report by giving some federal updates. Carrie states that the US House Appropriations Committee released its budget bill which would cut all Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs by 50.1% if the bill were to move forward. According to Carrie however, the Michigan Works! Association federal lobbyists have stated that the bill itself is unlikely to move forward and there is a US Senate budget bill that would keep programs at current funding levels.

Moving on to some state updates, Carrie mentions the Governor's office creation of the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) with the goal of condensing education departments (preK-college level) under one department. Office of Sixty by 30 will become a part of this department.

Carrie mentions the new Chief of Staff with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), Jessica Brosseau, whom Carrie was able to meet with alongside Michigan Works! Association CEO Ryan Hundt and Oakland County Michigan Works! Director, Jennifer Llewellyn, regarding our programs and opportunities for growth.

Discussing some grant opportunities, Carrie shares that LEAP, CAMW!, and United Way submitted a regional ask to add \$92 thousand dollars to the existing Early Childhood Investment Corporation regional planning grant these entities are co-leading. This application was successfully awarded. ECIC also invited CAMW! to apply for a separate grant in the amount of \$119 thousand dollars to build apprenticeships in childcare, which CAMW! has applied for.

Finally touching on some local updates, the City of Lansing was selected as a Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy location. The Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy includes 16 cities working throughout 2023 and 2024 to develop innovative and scalable city-supported solutions that upskill and reskill workers into quality, high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing jobs made possible by new federal investments, with a focus on supporting residents from historically underserved and underrepresented communities in order to address key shortcomings in their education and workforce ecosystem. CAMW! has been asked to partner with the city on this project to offer workforce development insight and support.

Carrie shares that CAMW! has begun meeting with education partners to start discussing the MiCareerQuest 2024 event. The main focus is to ensure strong representation across all districts. Approximately, 1,500 students were able to participate in 2023, but she is confident we can increase that number in 2024 by starting these discussions early.

Carrie then introduces Vickie Leighton as the new Financial Grants Accountant at CAMW!

Lastly, Carrie mentions the upcoming Michigan Works! Association Annual Conference taking place from September 10th through September 12th in Detroit at the Renaissance Center. Medilodge will be awarded as Employer of the Year, and CAMW! T3 Education Officer Amirika Richardson will be recognized with the Shining Star Award.

ITEM #15**MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

Chris Holman shares brief statements surrounding workforce development, specifically surrounding immigration reform.

ITEM #16**ADJOURNMENT**

Rebecca adjourned the meeting at 8:54 a.m.