**Workforce Development Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**This meeting was held both in-person at Capital Area Michigan Works! and virtually on Zoom.**

**Present**

Shelly Neal (1st Vice-Chair)

Robert Trezise (2nd Vice-Chair)

Chris Holman

Cindy Kangas

Dennis M. Louney

Heidi Lowe

Janet Lillie

Jim Dravenstatt-Moceri

Joseph Brehler

Matthew Schneider

Rey Guzman

Rich Howard

Robert Proctor

Sergio Keck

Sherry Pfaff-Doody

Su A’lyn Holbrook

William (Bill) Brewer II

William (Bill) Kimble

**Absent**

Fathy Shetiah

Kathy Dunbar

Paula Cunningham

Rebecca Bahar-Cook

Tom Ruis

**Secretariat**

Carrie Rosingana

**Staff**

Becky Powers

Dar Baker

Erin McKenzie

Joe Winkiel

Robert Ramon

Tekea Norwood

**Guests**

Danielle Grubaugh

Heather Kevnick

Gideon Francis

Jason Moon

John Groen

John LoPorto

Kate Snyder  
Kere Milow

Kerry Ebersole

Melissa Gibson

Micah Hefty

Rachel Dauer  
Susan Corbin

**AGENDA**

**ITEM #1 WELCOME**

Shelly Neal called the meeting to order at 7:32am

**ITEM #2 PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Action ITEM #3 MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2024 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING**

**Action ITEM #4 RECOMMENDATION OF PY2024 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT & OPPORTUNITY ACT**

**(WIOA) FUNDING**

1. Adult b. Dislocated Worker

**Action ITEM #5 RECOMMENDATION OF PY2024 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT & OPPORTUNITY ACT**

**(WIOA) YOUTH FUNDING**

**Action ITEM #6 RECOMMENDATION OF PY2024 WAGNER PEYSER/EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**FUNDING**

**Action ITEM #7 RECOMMENDATION OF AY21/AY22 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT & OPPORTUNITY**

**ACT (WIOA) STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES FUNDING**

**Action ITEM #8 RECOMMENDATION OF JOBS FOR MICHIGAN GRADUATES (JMG-23) INCENTIVE**

**FUNDING**

**Action ITEM #9 RECOMMENDATION OF PY2024 ONE-STOP OPERATOR FUNDING**

**Action ITEM #10 ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 MICHIGAN RECONNECT TARGETED OUTREACH FUNDING**

24-02 Items 5 and 8 were pulled for a separate vote due to Sergio Keck having to abstain from second vote. Bob Trezise motions to accept Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10. Dennis M. Lourney supports the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

24-03 Dennis M. Louney motions to accept Items 5 and 8. Chris Holman supports the motion. Motion passes unanimously with Sergio Keck abstaining.

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**ITEM #11 HOT JOBS/RAPID RESPONSE & JOBS FILLED/JOBS POSTED**

Tekea reports that 122 jobs were filled across multiple business sectors between April and May through the help of the CAMW! Business Services Team. She also shares, via the Rapid Response report, that three companies faced layoffs recently (Sodexo, Manitou, and Kirchoff).

**ITEM #12 PRESENTATION: MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC**

**OPPORTUNITY STATEWIDE WORKFORCE PLAN, DIRECTOR SUSAN CORBIN**

**ITEM #13 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Rachel Dauer gives a brief communications update on behalf of Piper & Gold.

**ITEM #14 LEAP UPDATE**

Bob Trezise gives a brief update on multiple ongoing LEAP projects.

**ITEM #15 CEO REPORT**

Carrie starts her CEO report with insights into recent federal developments, highlighting the impending reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), soon to be known as the Stronger Workforce for America Act. She notes that a bill is progressing through the Senate HELP committee, with a markup scheduled for later in June. Carrie also discusses the WIOA Reauthorization Letter from the US Conference of Mayors, which advocates for flexibility in WIOA funding allocation at the local level due to concerns with the language of the reauthorization bill.

Moving on to some State updates, Carrie shares some high-level reports regarding UIA statistics and ALICE reports. From the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics, Carrie states that during April. Michigan’s seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 3.9 percent for the third consecutive month. She also shares that Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties all ranked within the top 11 counties for the lowest unemployment rates in the region.

In Carrie's update on the Alice Report for Michigan, she presents fresh data from 2022 that reflects the impact of inflation, increasing wages, and the conclusion of pandemic assistance on working families throughout the state. The report estimates that over 100,000 new households in Michigan have slipped below the ALICE threshold since the pre-pandemic period of 2019, causing the statewide percentage of households below this threshold to rise from 38% to 41%. ALICE, standing for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, refers to households earning more than the Federal Poverty Level but less than the basic cost of living for their area. Despite some improvements, many households continue to face difficulties, particularly as wages lag behind the rising costs of essential household items such as housing, childcare, food, transportation, healthcare, and basic communication services. Those falling below the ALICE Threshold, including ALICE households and those in poverty, struggle to afford these essentials. Carrie concludes her discussion on the ALICE reports by highlighting specific localized statistics.

Lastly, Carrie provides some local updates by first sharing that CAMW! is housing the UIA office

for June and July while their main location undergoes renovations.

Carrie moves on to share that Good Jobs, Great Cities National League of Cities Visit plan to visit the City of Lansing May 20th and 21st. As part of the visit, DOL Women’s Bureau Midwest hosted an Advancing Equity in Infrastructure forum in Lansing Michigan to discuss increasing the percentage of women in skilled trades. Carrie participated as a panelist and highlighted that the Capital region has the highest percentage of women in apprenticeships according to the LEO Registered Apprenticeship Michigan Dashboard Update at 22.2%. Recent administrative data from the Office of Apprenticeship's Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS) reveals that women represented only 13.8 percent of active registered apprentices nationally. Also discussed ongoing regional partnerships that are key to collaborative success in the region.

A series of Letters of Support have been procured from CAMW! for entities such as GM, WIN, Volunteers of America Michigan, Lansing BWL, Clinton Transit, CATA, Davenport University, and Capital Area Housing Partnership.

In closing, Carrie touches on recent and future job fairs happening locally. MDHHS recently hosted its third annual job fair on Thursday, May 9th, featuring a diverse array of 40 employers spanning various industries. Additionally, the upcoming Juneteenth Career and Resource Fair is set to take place on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at St. Joseph Park in Lansing, running from 11 am to 4 pm.

**ITEM #16 MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

**ITEM #17 ADJOURNMENT**

Shelly Neal adjourns the meeting at 8:52am