

## UPWARD Talent Council County Commissioners October 20, 2017

### MINUTES

- I. Call To Order**  
Board Chair Gerald Corkin calls the meeting to order at 10: 50 A.M. Eastern.
- II. Roll Call**  
**Present:**  
Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Gale Eilola, Baraga County; David Rivard for Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tim Aho, Iron County; Gerry Corkin, Marquette County; Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County; and Larry Mersnick, Schoolcraft County.
- Excused:**  
Don McClean, Chippewa County; Bob DeMarois, Keweenaw County; John Waltman, Luce County; Paul Krause, Mackinac County, and John Nelson, Menominee County.
- Michigan Works! Staff:**  
William Raymond, CEO; Cherilynn Lampinen, COO; Heather Guibault, Director of Administration; Joe Zerbst, Director of Workforce Services; Nickie Lauerman, Project Team Specialist and Deb Doyle, Director of Policy and Compliance.
- Public:**  
Jim German, Chippewa County Administrator
- III. Public Comment**  
There is no public comment.
- IV. Approval of Agenda**  
Motion to approve agenda is made by made by Commissioner Bonovetz; seconded by Commissioner Doucette; the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings (May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>) is made by Nykanen with an addition of Carl Nykanen to the Search Committee members under the May 19th Section VIII. Report; seconded by Doucette; the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

**A. Workforce Development Plan Motions**

- i. Motion to approve and submit the required Plan Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan Wagner-Peyser Employment Service Plan is made by Commissioner Nykanen; seconded by Commissioner Rivard, motion passes unanimously.
- ii. Motion to approve and submit the required Allocation Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for Wagner-Peyser Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Plan is made by Commissioner Doucette; seconded by Commissioner Eilola; the motion passes unanimously.
- iii. Motion to approve and submit the required Plan Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the Statewide Activities Funding for Service Center Operations is made by Commissioner Bonovetz; seconded by Commissioner Aho; the motion passes unanimously.
- iv. Motion to approve and submit the required Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the Statewide Activities for Capacity Building and Professional Development is made by Commissioner Rivard; seconded by Commissioner Nykanen; the motion passes unanimously.
- v. Motion to approve and submit the required Allocations Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the Statewide Activities for Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope, (PATH) is made by Commissioner Eilola; seconded by Commissioner Nykanen; the motion passes unanimously.
- vi. Motion to approve and submit the required Allocations Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the Statewide Activities for Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope, (PATH) is made by Commissioner Eilola; seconded by Commissioner Nykanen; the motion passes unanimously.
- vii. Motion to approve and submit the required Allocations Documents to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services is made by Commissioner Rivard; seconded by Commissioner Bonovetz; the motion passes unanimously.
- viii. Motion to approve and submit the required Plan Documents and Merit-Based Staffing Certification to the Talent Investment Agency, State of Michigan for the FY18 TAA Program Plan and Merit Staffing Certification is made by Doucette; seconded by Aho; the motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Reports:**

**A. Chair**

Chair Corkin welcomes Jim German, Chippewa County Administrator. German states that the paperwork has been submitted by Mackinac, Luce and Chippewa Counties with a decision to be made by December 4, 2017 regarding MERS. The Governor's Office put \$800,000 in line item budget to cover MERS costs of those three counties. Chair Corkin congratulates German on the counties' efforts.

Commissioner Bonovetz states that the Western U.P. counties have the same MERS issue and is working with Marti Fittanti of Senator Casperson's office to help resolve their issues as well.



Chair Corkin speaks to the meeting schedule of the UTCCC Board suggesting that the Board meet on a quarterly basis and establish an executive committee to look at vouchers. The Board would be modeled after the UPCAP Board that has a similar make-up of County Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula. Corkin also speaks to the importance of Board members reviewing the financials so the Board is fully informed of expenditures and works with the CEO in not having any disallowed costs. The Six County Employment Alliance will cease meeting as of December 31, 2017. Two of the quarterly UTCCC meetings will continue to align with the Upper Peninsula County Commissioners meeting held in May and October with the other two meetings to be scheduled.

Board members review the regional map in the Board packet and the following volunteer to be on the Executive Committee: Copper Trail: Carly Nykanen and Joe Bonovetz; Superior Shores: Gerry Corkin and Jerry Doucette; Hidden Coast: Tim Aho and Joe Stevens (if Patrick Johnson is unavailable); and Larry Mersnick and John Waltham for Top of the Lakes. By-laws need to be established to include naming alternates and voting process of the Executive Committee. Chair Corkin states that he will get back to those that volunteered to be on the Executive Committee.

Board consensus to keep the financial reporting format the same is completed. Commissioner Nykanen motions to place the financial report on file; the motion is seconded by Commissioner Doucette and passes unanimously.

## **B. CEO**

CEO Raymond introduces his executive team: COO Cherilynn Lampinen; Director of Administration Heather Guibault; Director of Workforce Services Joe Zerbst; Project Team Specialist Nickie Lauerman and Director of Policy and Compliance Deb Doyle.

Raymond refers to the Workforce Board nominations overview in Board Packet. He will be sending out an interest email to those up for reappointment with a couple of open positions for labor and one in the business sector. This board will review nominations and make appointments at the January meeting. Corkin adds that it is the responsibility of the UTCCC Board members to help recruit capable representatives to the workforce board.

## **IX. Communications**

Commissioner Nykanen moves to support the communications presented; the motion is seconded by Commissioner Bonovetz and passes unanimously. Chair Corkin indicates he is pleased that the monitoring went well and congratulates the staff on their work and the team effort to perform well.

Commissioner Bonovetz comments that he has been attending some community meetings in his area and that he has seen CEO Raymond at most of those meetings and appreciates



the new CEO's commitment to be present at such meetings to learn more about our community. Raymond has more travel plans across the region to meet and greet.

Commissioner Stevens shares a thank you to Chair Corkin for his work over the last three years during the difficult transition time. Commissioner Bonovetz adds that it is important for the Board members to take the information they learn at these Board meetings back to their county commission meetings to report what Michigan Works! is doing in the region.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Corkin adjourned meeting at 11:45 A.M. Eastern.