



## UPward Talent Council County Commissioners June 7, 2019

### MINUTES

#### I. Call To Order

Board Chair Gerald Corkin calls the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M. Eastern.

#### II. Roll Call

##### Present:

Jerry Doucette, Alger County; Gail Eilola, Baraga County; Don McLean, Chippewa County; Patrick Johnson, Delta County; Joe Stevens, Dickinson County; Joe Bonovetz, Gogebic County; Tom Tikkanen, Houghton County; Paul Krause, Mackinac County; Gerry Corkin, Marquette County; and Carl Nykanen, Ontonagon County.

##### Excused:

Tim Aho, Iron County; Bob DeMarois, Keweenaw County; and Kevin Erickson, Luce County.

##### Michigan Works! Staff:

William Raymond, CEO; Michelle Viau, CFO; and Tracy Roberts, Office Manager.

#### III. Public Comment

None.

#### IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Stevens (Dickinson County) to add: Number of Meetings Scheduled in the Year and Reports specific to Dickinson County to the agenda. Motion to approve addition to agenda was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Nykanen; motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion of the new agenda items immediately followed. Commissioner Stevens would like to have more than 4 meetings a year, he feels like he doesn't know enough what is going on with only meeting 4 times per year. Commissioner Johnson adds that if there are more meetings added, sometimes attendance is not as strong when there are also executive meetings every month. Commissioner Doucette reminds the board that if there are meetings that some cannot attend, there is also the option to send an alternate. The board members agree that if anyone would like to, they can choose to



attend the Executive Committee meetings as well, though they would not have a voting option if they are not an Executive Committee member. For the next item, Reports specific to Dickinson county, Commissioner Stevens explained that he visited the Dickinson AJC and requested info on the number of jobs filled for companies around Dickinson, as he has an interest in knowing what is going on in his individual county. CEO Bill Raymond explains that it is not board protocol to go to the staff without first consulting him, so that UPward can provide the most accurate, and up-to-date information. Sometimes the front-line staff do not have access to the data that board members may want, and so it is best to first bring any requests to Bill in the future. Bill encourages board members to discuss any requests for information at various board meetings, as there may be reports that we can provide for all counties.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was seconded by Commissioner Tikkanen. Motion approved unanimously.

**VI. Financial Report**

**A. Grant Status and Overview.** CEO Raymond indicated that right now, everything is on target to expend grant funds.

**B. Line Item Budget Report.** Motion to approve Line Item Budget report was made by Commissioner McLean and supported by Commissioner Nykanen. Motion was approved.

**C. Voucher Review Report.** Motion was made to approve vouchers by Commissioner Nykanen and supported by Commissioner Tikkanen. Vouchers we approved unanimously.

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Action Items – Recommended Motions**

**i. Apprenticeship Success Coordinator Continuation Funding Motion**

Commissioner McLean had a question whether this funding was enough to do anything with? CEO Raymond explained that yes, it is enough, since this does not require a full-time position, and this amount of funding is also routine. Motion to approve is made by Commissioner Eilola and supported by Commissioner McLean. Motion passed unanimously.

**ii. RESEA Funding CY 2019**

Bill Raymond gives overview of where the RESEA program funds are allocated. This is continuation funding to help those participants get back to work. Motion to approve is made by Commissioner McLean and supported by Commissioner Reiter. Motion passed unanimously.



## **B. Board Agreement between LEO and WDB**

The UTC Governing Board (LEO) and the UTC – Michigan Works! WDB share a common interest in assuring that workforce development decisions will be made with the best interests of employers and jobseekers in mind. The agreement is meant to accomplish three main purposes:

1. Identify the individual and shared responsibilities of the UTC GB, the UTCMW WDB, and UTC staff,
2. Describe how the parties will work together to fulfill workforce development goals, and
3. Define how the GB, WDB and UTC Staff shall collaborate to accomplish major functions.

Motion to Accept Board Agreement between LEO and WDB was made by Commissioner Johnson and was supported by Commissioner McLean. Motion passed unanimously.

## **C. Updated LEO board by-laws**

Updated by-laws were presented first at the May Executive Committee and are recommended to be adopted by the full board. Updates include adding phone or video attendance as a good option for those who are far away. Commissioner McLean asks if someone in Chippewa county wanted to, would they be able to video in from the Chippewa AJC, would the staff there be able to assist? CEO Bill Raymond responds that yes, the staff there can assist if we know ahead of time, we can set it up. It's a good option for when the weather is bad. Commissioner Tikkanen asks regarding a poor weather situation, how fast can we make it happen? We have standing phone number and video instructions in the meeting agenda for other meetings and can prepare to have those standard options available for future meetings. Motion to approve updated by-laws was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and was supported by Commissioner Tikkanen. The motion passed unanimously.

## **D. Public Hearing – Annual Budget for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

Hearing opened at 11:44 a.m. ET. The budget is roughly a million or so more than a year ago. There was no public comment. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Bonovetz and supported by Commissioner Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously. Public Hearing closed at approximately 11:48a.m. ET.

## **F. Michigan Launch Initiative**

Board Chair Commissioner Gerry Corkin mentions the Michigan Launch Initiative and that Marquette County and Chippewa County are interested in being contenders as well as some counties downstate. K.I. Sawyer is supposedly one of the top contenders. Commissioner McLean indicates that Kincheloe is also really interested -- his EDC made him the point person. Kincheloe also meets the attributes they are looking for in a launch space. Chris Olson will be chairman on the committee for when or if they choose



a site in the U.P. The initiative could possibly bring up to 1000 jobs – each county wants to compete as hard as they can, and hope it makes it to the U.P. and if not, at least the state of MI. They recently passed and received the 2 million needed to do the site research and prep study; Board chair recommends letter of support from UPward. Motion to was made by McLean and was supported by Commissioner Johnson.

**IX. Reports**

- A. Chairman.** Board Chair Commissioner Gerry Corkin states that operations at UPward seem to be going pretty well, and things in the East are looking better as well.
- B. CEO.** CEO Raymond discusses his written CEO report.

**IX. Communications**

Motion to approve Communications was made by Commissioner Johnson and then supported by Commissioner Bonovetz. Motion approved unanimously.

**X. Public Comment.** None

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Corkin adjourned the LEO meeting at 12:01 P.M. Eastern.

**Minutes: Joint Meeting**

**UPward Talent Council County Commissioner Governing Board & UPward Talent Council Workforce Development Board Meeting**

**12:15pm: Friday, June 7, 2019, at the Island Resort & Convention Center, Harris, MI**

**I. Call to Order,**

Carl Nykanen (Vice/Alternate Chair for Gerry Corkin), LEO Chair Call to order: 12:28  
Mark Massicotte, WDB Chair Call to order: 12:29

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner McLean and was supported by Commissioner Doucette. Motion was passed unanimously. Motion to approve agenda for WDB was made by Tony Retaskie and supported by Michelle LaJoie and was passed unanimously.



## **V. Reports**

### **A. Chairs of LEO Governing Board, Gerald Corkin & Mark Massicotte**

Commissioner Nykanen states that Chair Corkin updated on the Michigan Launch Initiative as his report and the members all have the summary information

No WDB Chair

### **B. CEO Report**

CEO Bill Raymond reviewed highlights from his CEO report and there was discussion among the boards. Bill updated on the Marshall Plan and indicated that we did not get any additional funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Marshall plan, but that there were several awarded in Phase 1 – The rest of the monies for Phase 3 will probably go to the Michigan Reconnect program – they are still working out how Michigan Works! might be involved with that program. Stay tuned.

Bill talks about continuing efforts working with Payscale.com on the wage study, and that now we have our BRN Manager on board.

## **VI. Strategic Planning**

### **A. Strategic Plan Update**

Our One-Stop Operator has been assisting with our Strategic Plan and is helping to provide a standardized status update report. Bill reviewed the report with the group. Some items are complete, some are in the planning stage, and some have been completed. There was discussion on the future of Regional Planning Initiative:

Jon Mead tells the group that RPI did not receive funding, but they just passed a resolution.

He's not sure how promising it will be, but stresses that RPI has been beneficial; Michigan does not put money into planning as many other states do, and it's really unfortunate, because it's tough to fulfill their mission without the funding. Commissioner McLean asked if they are in a position to pass a resolution for support of RPI? Both boards would be in support of passing a resolution in support of RPI funding. Motion made by Commissioner McLean and supported by Commissioner Krause from LEO. WDB also passes a resolution in support of RPI funding. Motion made by Jeff Holt and supported by Jon Mead. Both passed unanimously.

## **VII. Michigan Economic Development Corporation Presentation – Jen Tucker, Community Assistance Team Specialist (Community Development), Region 1 and Vicki Schwab, Business Development Manager, Region 1**

1053 jobs committed

227 projects

Leveraging over 274 million in private investment

WDB and LEO board members want to be able to access and share info about these programs that MEDC have available, especially for the housing issue. Jon Mead indicates that if they can get info to him, he can get it out to ALL of the counties

Chair Mark Massicotte thanks the MEDC for their support and for providing the information on what they do.

Joint meeting adjourned: 1:37 p.m.