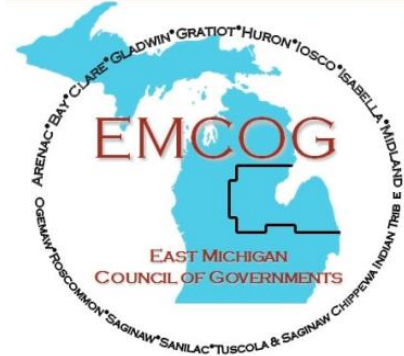


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Minutes of the ECM PR-5 Strategic Management Team

Date, Time and Location:

June 27, 2017 | 10:00 a.m.

Saginaw Valley State University | Curtiss Hall | Executive Board Room, 2nd Floor

SMT Participants:

Natasha Allen	Michigan Works 7B
Jay Anderson	BCATS
Karre Ballard	ETC Adult Education
Maja Bolanowska	MATS
Jennifer Carroll	Delta College
JoAnn Cray	Saginaw Future
Matt Felan	Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance
Scott Govitz	Mid-Michigan Community College
Bob Moffit	City of Gladwin
Jim McBryde	Middle Michigan Development Corporation
Ed Oberski	Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works
Josh Ode	SVSU

Agency Representatives

Rex Ainslie	MDNR
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Guests

Meg Cross	MSU Student
Melissa Kesterson	Midland Community Foundation

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Dave Engelhardt	Program Manager - Transportation
Jane Fitzpatrick	Program Manager – Economic Development/RPI Coordinator
Sue Fortune	Executive Director – EMCOG

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Meeting was called to order by Jane Fitzpatrick at 10:05 am. Introductions were made of those present and those calling in.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Jane Fitzpatrick requested the addition of item 6.g Hazardous Storm Events and Resiliency. The agenda was approved as amended.

3. Transit Mobility Plan Final Conclusions: Dave Engelhardt

A link to the final report: http://www.emcog.org/downloads/emcog_phase_iii_transit_mobility_final_conclusions_2016.pdf

Dave provided an overview of Phase III for the Coordinated Mobility Plan for the EMCOG Region. The common thread amongst all transit agencies is that they are doing what they can with the funds they have been allocated. One of the outcomes of the Phase III analysis is that EMCOG will be reaching out to MDOT to obtain funding to identify the gaps in service, etc. Dave emphasized that it is important that efforts such as the STARS (Saginaw County) upgrades to their system be supported. The new routes, etc. are slated to launch on August 21st. One final observation is that businesses must support transit in their area. A summary handout of the Executive Summary was also distributed and all materials will be uploaded to the EMCOG website.

4. 2017 Mini Grant Applications: group discussion on applications and review process

Jane provided a brief overview of the mini-grant program noting that EMCOG has \$100,000 available for projects and 15 applications were received totaling \$259,251 in requests. The deadline for scoring the grant applications is July 12th. She will not score projects herself due to her interactions with applicants. There was extensive discussion of the scoring criteria and process. Following discussion, it was agreed that instead of the full SMT scoring the projects, the Mini-Grant Sub-Committee will score the projects and have their recommendations to the full Strategic Management Team for discussion and determination of funding by the next full SMT meeting in July. It was decided that others from the SMT may join the sub-committee for the purpose of scoring applications. Karre Ballard volunteered to be a part of the sub-committee. Jane will send out an e-mail to the full SMT to invite others that were not in attendance at today's meeting an opportunity to join the sub-committee.

5. A.L.I.C.E. 2017 Report: Summary of Update for PR-5: Jane Fitzpatrick (continued from May 23rd meeting)

Jane provided a brief overview of the latest ALICE report and provided a summary for the 8 county ECM region. She noted changes from 2014. Jane has prepared individual county assessments of their ALICE population as well as an 8-county analysis. Links to the report are on the EMCOG website. The EMCOG summary reports will also be made available on the website

6. Other Project Updates:

6.a. Centers of Excellence

Plastics Process and Product: Scott Govitz gave an update on a recent meeting at Vantage Plastics with representatives from the private sector, EMCOG, universities and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He noted the link between the Plastics and Hops Centers of Excellence as both are looking at the potential for waste/heat capture. Next steps include work done with MSU and USDA on an energy audit.

Hops: Jane provided a brief update stating that the hops feasibility plan which is funded through a USDA Rural grant with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, is being drafted with the intention of completion sometime in September.

6.b. MEDC Region 5 Collaborative Business Attraction Plan

Matt Felan provided an update on the Business Attraction Plan. He and others have been traveling internationally and following up with companies for possible site visits. He noted that Saginaw County is currently a finalist for the possible siting of a major employer but it is a competitive process with other states. Work is also underway with Dow in terms of flexible packaging and there is also the possibility of siting at least one (1) cheese processing business. A brief discussion regarding the Good Jobs legislation followed Matt's update. Jim McBryde urged all to reach out to Representative Jason Wentworth with support for the legislation.

6.c. Iron Belle Trail Facilitation: Dave Engelhardt/Sue Fortune

This project is on track and moving forward.

6.d. Michigan 21st Century Infrastructure Pilot Project Steering Committee Update:

Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane reported that she has been appointed to this Committee and they have had one full membership meeting. She will keep the group updated as to the Committee's activities.

6.e. State of the Bay Summit: September 27, 2017: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane reported that the State of the Bay Summit is scheduled for September 27, 2017 at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center in Bay City. The one day summit is being underwritten by the Cook Family Foundation. There will be multiple break-out sessions, some of which will be held at the Delta Planetarium (across the street from the hotel) and a reception cruise on the Tall Ship Appledore to close out the activities. She proved copies of the agenda and will send out an email with the hot links to the registration information.

6.f. Regional Water Strategy: Jane Fitzpatrick

The planning committee will be meeting again in August and is pursuing possible funding support for strategy development.

6.g. Hazardous Storm Events and Resiliency: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is partnering with MSU SEA Grant on this watershed-wide initiative. Following the survey work done in 2016 the strategies were prioritized through the EMCOG RED Team. Based on the prioritization, next step actions are being planned including a workshop sometime in early December which will be geared toward resiliency planning tools for local officials. Jane will keep the SMT updated.

7. Updates from Strategic Management Team Members and Guests

Natasha Allen, Michigan Works 7B

Kathy Methner is retiring and Pam O’Laughlin has been hired to replace her as the Business Services Director. Her start date is 7/17/17.

Rex Ainslie, MDNR

Rex reported that the land transfer project that he has been working on with Gladwin County for over two years has run into difficulties at the Executive level of MDNR. He suggested an e-mail in support of the project might be helpful. He is also working with Hayes Township on a park property disposal matter.

Megan Cross, MSU Student

Megan introduced herself. She attended the meeting to observe and listen as part of her studies. Rex Anslie invited her to attend.

Matt Felan, Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance

The Great Lakes Bay Alliance has entered into an MOU to do a regional study on Health care. Rethink Health has been subcontracted to assist with this project. He noted that much of the data produced by TIP Strategies has been and will be used for this project. Jane noted that this fits in very well with the PR-5 community health Center of Excellence focus and is pleased that they are championing this.

Ed Oberski, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works

Ed reported that they have been analyzing Bureau of Labor Statistics data and comparing it to the K-12 educational pipeline with a focus on ages 18 and older to see how the pipeline meshes with jobs being created.

Karre Ballard, ETC. Inc. Adult Education

Karre noted that adult education rules have changed which will expand the age range that they can provide assistance to.

Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG

EMCOG is beginning the update to the MDOT Bay Region Non-motorized Plan and bike maps.

Maja Bolonowska, Midland Area Transportation Study (MATS)

MATS has finished their 2045 Long-Range Plan and the Midland County Public Transportation Study is in the finalization stages.

Josh Ode, SVSU

Josh reported that SVSU has added a Masters in Social Work degree program as well as an accelerated Teacher's Certificate program.

Scott Govitz, Mid-Michigan Community College

Scott reported the MMCC STEM efforts are continuing and there is a consensus that the existing STEM efforts at Delta College should be merged with MMCC into one group.

Jim McBryde, Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Jim reported that on July 18, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., Jamie Clover of MDARD will be speaking at the MMDC breakfast meeting at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. All are invited.

8. Adjournment

There being no other reports or business, the meeting concluded at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Fortune

NOTE: Next Meeting is July 25th at the Michigan Work Office in Clare.

The Strategic Management Team is the RPI-5 Tier 1 Collaborative. A collaborative consists of two or more parties working together. There are three important characteristics of a collaborative organization:

1. A networked and non-hierarchical organization structure;
2. A culture of openness, honesty and trust, and
3. Engaged and valued stakeholders ⁱ

Meeting Guidelines

- * Participate in good faith, and in an effort to promote collective learning and good communication
- * Be honest, open-minded, and respectful when offering and listening to differing points of view. Disagree judiciously and respectfully.
- * Respect time commitments in the agenda, maintain focus on the issues and objectives at hand.
- * Be mindful of comment length and the importance of encouraging participation from everyone in the group. Agree briefly.
- * Be respectful regarding use of smart phones and other technologies.

**2017 East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5
Strategic Management Team Meeting Schedule**

MEETING DATE	TYPE	TIME	HOST/LOCATION
January 24, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Saginaw Future Inc. Saginaw, Michigan
February 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Buena Vista Charter Township
March 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Canceled
April 25, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Clare-Gladwin RESD
May 23, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Midland
June 27, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	SVSU Curtiss Hall
July 25, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Clare
August 22, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Gladwin
September 26, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Ziibiwing Center Mt Pleasant
October 24, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Bay-Arenac ISD
November 28, 2017	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works, Midland
December , 2017			No Meeting

NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any Strategic Management Team meeting

ⁱ <http://community.aiim.org/blogs/angela-ashenden/2013/04/16/what-is-a-collaborative-organisation>