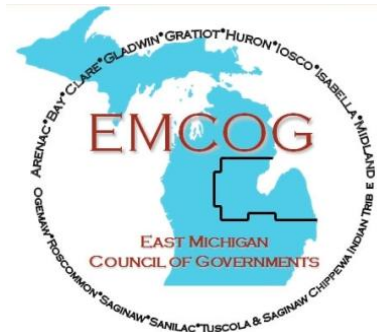


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Minutes of the RPI-5 Strategic Management Team

Date, Time and Location:

March 26, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.

CMURC Saginaw | 203 S. Washington at SVRC Marketplace, 2nd Floor | Saginaw, MI 48607

SMT Participants:

Maja Bolanowska	Midland Area Transportation Study
Latrice Goodwine	BVCT – alternate
Melissa Kesterson	Midland Community Foundation
Cassie Miller	Saginaw Future Inc – alternate
Erik Rodriguez	Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Erin Strang	CMURC
Jim Wheeler	Greater Gratiot Development Corporation

Agency Representatives

Guests

Wanda Dziwura	Community Home Solutions
Brian Jackson	Saginaw County Community Foundation
Rachael Phillips	City of Bay City

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Jane Fitzpatrick	Program Manager – Economic & Community Development
Dave Engelhardt	Program Manager - Transportation

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting commenced at 10:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no changes.

3. 2018 Mini Grant Project Update: CMURC Entrepreneurial Awareness and Support: Erin Strang, President CMURC

Erin Strang gave a presentation on work accomplished with the 2018 PR-5 Mini Grant for \$15,128 which enabled business professional support, a entrepreneurial recruitment program and Chamber of Commerce passport scholarships. Latrice Goodwine noted that after hearing about the CMURC space in Saginaw at the January RPI-5 meeting she is now utilizing the space here for her business. Erin noted that the current occupancy rate at the new Saginaw site is full and they are now filling in the center space. A copy of her presentation was made available for distribution.

4. 2018 Mini Grant Project Update: City of Bay City Independence & Liberty Bridge Feasibility Study Results: Rachael Phillips, PE, City of Bay City

The 2018 PR-5 Mini Grant (\$16,000) supported the City of Bay City Independence & Liberty Bridge Feasibility Study. The purpose of this traffic and operations study was to consider transportation options related to traffic safety & operations, bridge condition, and future bridge maintenance of city-owned infrastructure. Rachael provided a presentation of the bridge, traffic & operations study findings. The study included 5 scenarios including the “do nothing” scenario. The overall study recommendations include Short Term recommendations (over the next 6 years) and Long-Term recommendations (6-10 years). A copy of the presentation was made available for distribution.

5. ALICE In Michigan: 2019 Report: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane distributed a copy of the 2019 update of the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed report summary analysis that she prepared for the 8 County Prosperity Region 5. A copy of the report was distributed. It includes a comparison of the data and analysis from the 2015 report and the 2017 report in addition to the 2019 report. Further information can be found at www.emcog.org She noted that county level reports will be prepared for participating EMCOG counties.

6. 2019 PR-5 Mini Grant Program Status Report: Jane Fitzpatrick and Grant Committee Members

Jane and grant committee members present provided an overview of the 2019 RPI review committee meeting held in February to review issues and “lessons learned” from both the 2017 and 2018 grant initiative. Changes to be made for 2019 include providing a check list for applicants to complete prior to submittal. If the application is incomplete it will not be considered for funding. Also the application project must further the more specific objectives and action items within the PR-5 Strategy and must identify which ones within the application. A number of other revisions will be made to the applications. The call for projects will be sent out the first part of April. The geographic area for eligible applications is the 8 county Prosperity Region 5.

7. Other Project Updates from Team Members and Guests:

Jim Wheeler, Greater Gratiot Development Corp.

Regarding the US 127 Study: Lieutenant Governor Gilcrest spoke at a GLBRA event about changing the direction of roads funding to a focus on the usage of roads. Therefore US 127 may become more important in funding priorities. The Zeeland Farm Services – Ithaca is getting built this summer. There are about 400 workers working on it.

Brian Jackson, Saginaw County Community Foundation

The SCF Community Improvement Initiative is underway with \$25,000 grants. Applications are due quickly on this coming Friday. Also work is starting on the 2020 Census Hub.

Cassie Miller, Saginaw Future Inc. and the City of Saginaw

Saginaw Future is working remotely right now because of renovations within the office building they occupy. Saginaw's RRC (redevelopment Ready Communities) certification was officially approved last week. The city's RRC celebration will coincide with the open house for the new Delta College building in downtown Saginaw sometime in the middle or end of June.

Latrice Woodwine, Buena Vista Charter Township

The township recently designated a property as a dangerous building and will be utilizing brownfield tax credits to demo it.

Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG

The MDOT Category B grant is new program for FY 2019 and 2020 for small cities and villages under 10,000 population. It will be a five year program.

Wanda Dzwura, Community Homes Solutions, Inc.

Wanda has recently retired from USDA and is now the president and CEO for Community Home solutions in Bay City.

Eric Rodriquez, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

The Saganing Eagle expansion project is going well with an expected early fall opening. They will be hiring about 170 more individuals at this site. On the legislative front he has been following the sports betting and gaming proposed legislation.

Maja Bolanowska, Midland Area Transportation Study

Maja is working on the MATS four year transportation plan for 2020-2023 which is due at the end of June.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is ***changed*** to April 30th at the Clare-Gladwin RESD in Harrison.

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

**2019 East Central Michigan Prosperity Region 5
Strategic Management Team Meeting Schedule**

MEETING DATE	TYPE	TIME	HOST/LOCATION
January 22, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	CMURC at SVRC Marketplace Saginaw, MI
February 26, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	No Meeting (grant committee met in February)
March 26, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	CMURC at SVRC Marketplace Saginaw, MI
April 30, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Clare-Gladwin RESD Clare, MI
May 28, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
June 25, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
July 23, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works! Harrison, MI
August 27, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
September 24, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	Michigan Works! Gladwin, MI
October 22, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
November 26, 2019	RPI-5 Strategic Management Team	10:00 am	
December , 2019			No Meeting

NOTE: The meetings are open to anyone to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Strategic Management Team contact Jane Fitzpatrick at 989-797-0800 or jfitzpatrick@emcog.org

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