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2016 Members: RPI Sign In

June 22, 2016

Date:

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## Regional Prosperity Initiative & CDC/MEDC

June 22, 2016

1:30-3:30pm

University Center - Gaylord

- 1:30 Call to Order- Doug Baum (15 minutes)
- 1:35 Introductions
- 1:45 CDC and RPI Topic Discussions (refine topic areas this meeting – too many?  
Missing some?)
  - CDC (1:45)
    - o CEDS
      - Business Growth
      - Talent Development & Retention
      - Community
  - RPI Clusters (2:00)
    - o Tourism (Denise)
    - o Aerospace (Lisa McComb)
    - o Wood Products (Tim Jenks)
    - o Energy Efficiency (Tim Jenks?)
    - o Local Foods (Dave Glenn)
    - o Talent Development/Retention (Marisue/??)
    - o Business/Entrepreneurial Support (Dave Glenn)
      - \$10,000 earmark, define strategy
  - Mini Grants Update (2:15) (Dave Glenn)
    - o Economic Development
    - o Marketing
  - 10 Year RPI Plan – Committee? (2:30)
- 2:40 Patty O'Donnell – MDOT 101
- 3:00 One Minute Updates - (EMCOG, MDARD, MDOT, MDNR, MDEQ, MEDC, MSHDA, NEMC/Michigan Works!, NEMCOG, etc.)
- 3:25 Next Meeting – July 27 or August 24?
- 3:30 Wrap up







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**Minutes  
Of  
CDC/MEDC  
Region 3 Regional Prosperity Initiative Collaborative  
June 22, 2016  
University Center  
Gaylord, MI**

**Call to Order:** LuAnn Mabarak called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

**Members Present:** Lydia Murray, Patty O'Donnell, Erich Podjaske, Steve Schnell, Richard Wolin, Jim Hilgendorf, Dave Nyberg, Hannah Sanderson, Rina Allen, Tim Jenks, LuAnn Mabarak, Steve Milford, Tom Stephenson, Laura Budreau and Natasha Allen

**Staff:** Dave Glenn, Denise Cline and Theresa Huff

**Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves to the group.

**Roll Call:** Done by sign-in sheet(s).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** L. Murray moved, supported by T. Stephenson to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting. All ayes, 0 opposed, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** None

### **CDC/RPI Topic Discussions**

D. Glenn: Trying to set a standard format for Agenda due to combining the CDC and RPI meetings. Hope to get the most of out of Agenda and meetings. Would like to consider changing the frequency of the meetings (original RPI policy was to have meetings monthly, new policy is at least quarterly) and create subcommittee groups for smaller more specific meetings in between. D. Glenn will update 2016 action points and strategies for each RPI Cluster and email to group within the next few days. This will help to develop the subcommittee group. Those in attendance today liked the idea of subcommittee groups and less large group meetings. Will need to update topic list to streamline the meeting agendas. May allow a broader view/scope. Will refer to the 5 and 10 year plans as a guide for meeting agendas. The subcommittees will help develop the 5 and 10 year plans as well. The plans should include more transportation than the last one. Talent has grown greatly and needs more time or a bigger part in the plan as well. Need to report on the 2016 action items. One option was if the topics could be kept to 5 items or less, group could meet quarterly, if more than 5, meet bi-monthly. Would like to get more business members to balance out the group.

## Mini Grants

D. Glenn: Had 8 mini-grant reviewers, received great input. There were 28 mini grants submitted. 16 were for marketing and the 12 for economic development.

Out of the 16 marketing mini-grant applications, 3 were chosen to receive the grants:

City of Alpena: Wayfinding Signage for North East State Trail	\$ 10,000
Friends of Thunder Bay: National Sanctuary Promo of Sanctuary, Glass Bottom Boat Ride, Shipwrecks, Heritage Center	10,000
University Center Gaylord: Bio Blitz (Current Bio-Blitz is previewing tomorrow June 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 at the University Center in Gaylord. The Bio-Blitz will be held on Saturday, 7/23)	8,500

Out of the 12 economic development mini-grant applications, 11 were chosen to receive the grants:

Alpena County Library: Story Walk Project	\$ 1,200
Northern Initiatives: TA support to Loan customers	5,000
Economic Development Alliance of Oscoda County (EDAOC): Teleconferencing Facilities	5,000
Alpine Regional Tennis Association: Tennis Court Construction (4)	5,000
Roscommon DDA: Sawmill Business Incubator	5,000
Gaylord Council for the Arts: Headwaters Music Festival	5,000
Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning: Educational Programs	5,000
City of Cheboygan & Cheboygan Community Foundation: Consultant - Best Practice Five	4,375
City of Grayling Recruitment Brochure	3,250
Ogemaw EDC: Broadband Vertical Asset Map	5,000
Crawford County EDC: Website Update	5,000

Both marketing and economic development categories had a small surplus of funds left. A decision was made to grant the top ranking marketing application that wasn't selected previously, the remaining funds to the MI Arts & Culture Northeast (MACNE): ARTtown Michigan, Lake Huron Discovery Tour which was \$7,675 instead of the full \$10,000 they applied for.

A motion by E. Podjaske was made, seconded by L. Murray to approve grant recipients. All ayes, 0 opposed, motion passed. A big thanks to the reviewers. It took a lot of time to go through each grant, their efforts were greatly appreciated.

## Special Presentation: Patty O'Donnell/MDOT: Moving Michigan Forward

Reviewed 2040 State Long-Rang Transportation Plan. Topics were:

- What is MI Transportation Plan?
- MDOT Jurisdiction
- MDOT Vision
- Michigan Transportation Goals
- Key Strategies to Achieve Goals
- Working with Stakeholders
- Freight Primer: An introduction to Freight Modes in Michigan

Trucking in Michigan  
Marine Transportation  
Michigan Cargo Parts  
Transportation Funding  
Transportation Economic Development Fund  
Transportation Alternatives Program  
Key Trends

**Operating Procedures:**

D. Glenn: Last month everyone received a copy of the Operating Procedures to review and discuss at this month's meeting. D. Glenn received some suggested changes and incorporated those in the draft copy that was handed out. Some additional changes were discussed in regards to members, such as separating Agriculture and Wood Products from Natural Resources. Discussion involved the need to try to get more private sector, sales and marketing members, need more business doers, not people who just talk about it. Need more private sectors vs. public sector. Group is still transitioning some. Need to have more focus on soft skills, the basics such as how to dress, how to show up and be on time and personal hygiene. Meetings need more value for people to leave work to attend. Dave Nyberg offered some clarification on the purpose of RPI – is to create collaboration, not overlap, would like more input going forward as we develop group. How best can we use information to get more impact/benefit as we move forward?

Next month's Agenda will include review members of RPI collaborative, meeting attendance policy, subcommittee groups to be more specific such as service industry, accountants, engineers, web developers, restaurants, etc.

**Committee Member Updates/Public Comment:**

None

**Next Meeting Date:** August 24, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the University Center

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:35 p.m.



# REGION 3 REGIONAL PROSPERITY COLLABORATIVE

## OPERATING PROCEDURES

**Adopted:**

### ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

#### SECTION 1: Definitions

- A. ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) - The term adult basic education means an instructional program for the undereducated adult planned around those basic and specific skills most needed to help him or her to function adequately in society. Providers of these services: Iosco-RESA, NE MI Consortium, Region 7b.
- B. CAREER AND TECHNICAL TRAINING: is a term applied to schools, institutions, and educational programs that specialize in the skilled trades, applied sciences, modern technologies, and career preparation. Service Providers include but are not limited to: Kirtland Community College, North Central Community College, Alpena Community College, Iosco –RESA, Digital Works!, Private Providers.
- C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION – Any Economic and/or Community Development Corporation or Organization, public or private operating in Region 3 with the purpose of increasing wealth and the standard of living for the community(s) they serve.
- D. FISCAL YEAR - January 1 through December 30.
- E. HIGHER EDUCATION- Providers of education beyond the secondary level; especially: education provided by a college or university.
- F. IOSCO REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY: The Career and Technical Education Center is a part of the services offered by the Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency. The Tawas City site services high school students who reside within the four local school districts of Iosco County: Hale, Oscoda, Tawas, and Whittemore-Prescott.
- G. MEMBER - A person appointed to the Region 3 Prosperity Initiative Collaborative.
- H. PROSPERITY PLAN – A multi-year document approved by the Collaborative, to achieve the vision of the Collaborative. The Plan is to be approved by the Collaborative and reviewed at least annually.
- I. REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – as defined by Act 281 of 1945; includes the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (an eight-county Planning & Development Council) and East MI Council of Governments (fourteen -county Planning & Development Council). Regional planning agencies assist local governments, resolve issues, fill service gaps through service sharing agreements, and procure resources from the state and federal government to address local unmet needs. Both agencies are federally designated Economic Development Districts (EDD) of the US. Department of Commerce.
- J. REGION 3 - Geographic area defined by the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

- K. REGION 3 REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE COLLABORATIVE (COLLABORATIVE) – The governing and policy body representing the eleven counties defined as Region 3 as defined in Section 822f of 2015 Public Act 84.
- L. SIMPLE MAJORITY – Greater than 50% of the Collaborative members present at a meeting.
- M. TRANSPORTATION – Road Commissions, transit providers, private transportation services, MI Department of Transportation (MDOT).
- N. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT- is an approach that attempts to enhance a region's economic stability and prosperity by focusing on people rather than businesses. It is a holistic approach considering participants' many barriers to skill development and the overall needs of the business/industry sector of the region. Service Providers: NE MI Consortium/MI Works! (Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Ilse; Region 7b (Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco).

**ARTICLE II: MEMBERS**

**SECTION 1: Membership Composition**

- A. The Collaborative shall be comprised of at least 2 members representing the following sectors:
  - i. Adult Basic Education
  - ii. Economic Development Organization
  - iii. Chamber of Commerce
  - iv. Higher Education
  - v. K-12 Education/ISD/ESD
  - vi. Regional Planning
  - vii. Transportation
  - viii. Workforce Development
  - ix. Business
    - a. Manufacturing (2)
    - b. Tourism (2)
    - c. Healthcare (2)
  - x. Natural Resource (Agriculture, Wood Products, etc.)
  - xi. Local Government
  - xii. Foundation
  - xiii. Members from additional sector may be appointed by the Collaborative (see Section 2B).

- B. Alternates
  - i. Collaborative members, via written documentation to an officer or NEMCOG staff, may send another member of their organization’s staff as an alternate.

**SECTION 2: Appointment of Members**

- A. The Collaborative is solely responsible for appointing members. The Collaborative may receive recommendations from staff on specific sector or individuals.
- B. The Collaborative may add sectors from outside the aforementioned sectors.
  - 1. The Collaborative must approve additional sectors with a simple majority vote.
  - 2. The Collaborative may determine the number of members from each additional sector through a simple majority vote.

**SECTION 3: Term of Office**

- A. Collaborative members are appointed by a majority of the Collaborative for one year terms. Collaborative membership for the following year is established at the last meeting of the fiscal year.

**ARTICLE III: COMPENSATION**

**SECTION 1:** The Collaborative shall not pay compensation to members for participation in the Collaborative except for actual expenses authorized by the Collaborative incurred in their role as members of the Collaborative.

**ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

**SECTION 1:** The Collaborative is a voluntary committee under the auspices of NEMCOG organized to achieve the RPI Region 3 Vision: *To provide current and future generation a Vibrant, Sustainable and Prosperous Northeast MI region that: Promotes Innovation across the economy and supports entrepreneurs with connections and resources. Tells the world that we are an interconnected network of great places. Enhance excellence and efficiency in education from early childhood through all stages of life. Provides the skills needed by employers through education and training that results in a continuously transforming and responsive workforce. Utilizes the natural resources in a sustainable way. Fulfills the current and future needs of the region through strong collaboration and leadership.*

**SECTION 2:** The Collaborative exists to achieve the goals and objectives in its Prosperity Plan.

**SECTION 3:** The Collaborative may have such additional purposes as may be provided by law.

**SECTION 4:** The Collaborative shall make an annual report of its activities to the Executive Office of the Governor, and make that report available publicly.

**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1:** The officers of this Collaborative shall be:

- A. Chairperson who shall preside at meetings of the Collaborative. Shall have general decision making authority and responsibility for carrying out the work of the Collaborative.
- B. Vice Chairperson who shall function in the same capacity as the Chairperson in the case of the Chairperson's absence or inability to act.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer will prepare the Minutes and Financial Reports for the Collaborative. NEMCOG staff shall provide staff support for the Secretary/Treasurer.

**SECTION 2:** The officers of the Collaborative shall be elected each year for a one-year term by the Collaborative from the voting members, at the first meeting of the fiscal year, or at such times as vacancies may occur.

## ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

- SECTION 1:** The regular meetings of the Collaborative shall be held as prescribed by the Collaborative and adopted at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Special meetings may be held as required, subject to judgment of the Chairperson, or in the absence of the Chairperson by the Vice Chairperson.
- SECTION 2:** Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the Collaborative members of the date and location of each meeting no less than seven (7) days prior to the date set for the meeting.
- SECTION 3:** A simple majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be considered without the presence of a quorum, except to adjourn or recess. Any formal action must be made by a simple majority of the Collaborative members present with a quorum unless otherwise designated in these operating procedures.
- SECTION 4:** At least one regular meeting shall be scheduled every quarter.
- SECTION 5:** Subcommittees may be established by the Collaborative and may meet as needed.
- SECTION 6:** In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and other applicable statutes, members of the public are encouraged to attend all open public meetings and to address the public body at that meeting.
- SECTION 7:** All regular meetings are open to the public and meeting notices are available through the RPI Region 3 Collaborative website. Special meetings may be public or closed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended.
- SECTION 8:** The Collaborative may, by majority vote at a public meeting, designate a different day for any regularly occurring meeting as specified above.
- SECTION 9:** Collaborative members present at a regular meeting or a duly called special meeting may adjourn such meeting in the event a quorum is not present. Future meeting notification shall be as specified in these Bylaws.
- SECTION 10:** All regular and special meetings of the Collaborative shall be conducted in accordance with procedures as set forth in the Merriam-Webster *New Roberts Rules of Order*, subject to the discretion of the chair.

## ARTICLE VII: ADOPTION OF PLANS

- SECTION 1:** For the adoption of Plans, or any substantial amendment thereof, an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the Collaborative shall be required.

## ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

- SECTION 1:** The Operating Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the full membership of the Collaborative at any regular meeting. Any proposed amendment to the Operating Procedures shall be submitted to the membership at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.

June 22, 2016





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**Minutes  
Of  
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Region 3 Regional Prosperity Initiative Collaborative  
May 25, 2016  
University Center  
Gaylord, MI**

**Call to Order:** Dave Glenn called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Lisa McComb, Mandi Chasey, Andy Hayes, Hannah Sanderson, Julie Lowe, Susan Wenzlick, Erich Podjaske, Tim Jenks, Rosalie Myers, LuAnn Mabararak, Lisa Bolen, Marisue Moreau, Rina Allen, Steve Milford, Donna LaCourt, Richard Wolin, Lydia Murray, Niki Chamberlain, Dave Nyberg, Tom Stephenson, Steve Schnell and Steve Milford

**Staff:** Diane Rekowski, Dave Glenn and Theresa Huff

**Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves to group.

**Roll Call:** Done by sign-in sheet(s).

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** L. McComb moved, supported by L. Murray to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** D. Rekowski gave a brief update on financials. Motion to file and save, all ayes, motion passed.

**UPDATES:**

**RPI/D. Glenn:**

10 year plan, working on. Asking for input on plan, what's working, what's not, how to work it? Last time, was done by using focus groups. Does one size fit all? Do we break it out into sub-regions and have discussions? Surveys, add more on the talent side? Create 5 minute survey and send out to major (regional) mailing list to get input, possibly use Survey Monkey? Survey cannot be for attendees only since some cannot attend meetings. Needs may be different in various areas. D. Glenn will put it together. Would appreciate any input and assistance.

**MEDC/L. Murray:**

Would like to bring her new supervisors to a future meeting, perhaps in June, July or August. They would be willing to meet one-on-one if anyone would like to.

**Special Presentation: Jacob Schroeder, Pure Michigan**

Shared a couple handouts and reviewed them with group. White Box/Pure Michigan Business Connect's B2B Services can be found on NEMOG's Discover Northeast Michigan East of Expected website. Gave a brief tutorial of website. White Box is a new concept; Pure Michigan appears in the "white box" area in center of NEMCOG website page/screen. Information can be sorted by our region/counties first. Encourages to buy/source in region or at least in our state. You can search by keywords to the size of the list. Connects businesses to services. Businesses are easy to find and what they do and/or offer. Quick response time to inquiries, an auto notification is sent to acknowledge each request. Always wants to help grow the information and services. Looking to expand geographic coverage. Encourages business to have access to services that are out there and available within region/state.

**RPI Discussion**

Draft Operating Procedures (bylaws) were handed out to group for review and discuss and next meeting.

Year 1 is done and now in middle of Year 2: making sure everyone is aware of the plan/schedule. Any interest in specific area/cluster; subcommittees. Revise Agenda, 7 points of each Agenda such as tourism, economic development, local foods, wood, talent, energy and efficiency, Placemaking. Action steps can be adjusted throughout the year and on track.

Mini Grant applications are due on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Have received several. Rina, Luanne, Andy, Mandi, Niki, Erich and Lisa to help review. Notifications will go out.

Digital Works, have 2 proposals out, hoping to get funding to add more people.

**Committee Member Updates/Public Comment:****R. Wolin/Workforce Division Region 3**

NMC had to compete for federal contracts. Focus is on 20 employees and up, developing a focus on the 10-20 employee and up group. Based out of Traverse City, geographically makes things challenging but trying to improve on it. ISO certified awareness event. Standards are changing significantly. Support services are available. All clients are surveyed.

**S. Schnell/MSHDA**

In Housing, there are a lot of changes in MSHDA. Having affordable housing issues/challenges. Money is drying up, need to come up with other options and are looking for ideas.

**N. Chamberlain/MI Works! NE Consortium**

More talent tours with schools before school ends and in the fall. Career Tech Education (CTE) programs.

L. Bolen/NEMCSA

Currently have approximately 680 in their workforce and have 40 posted openings, mostly head start, they struggle to fill them.

S. Milford/DNR

Said there is more money elsewhere. People are leaving the area. Those that stay want to be here.

R. Myers/EDC

Roscommon County Economics: Developing idea of the Sawmill Incubator. Tourism, free fishing June 11-12<sup>th</sup>. Having a festival to capitalize on. People can use state parks and boat launches for free as well.

L. McComb/Otsego County Economic Development

Lots of construction going on. A lot of business coming in. Workforce is coming in from surrounding communities.

R. Allen:/Weyerhaeuser

Using interns, trying to fill positions, 7 summer students are employed this year.

T. Stevenson/Connect Michigan

Digital Works – 24 have been employed, coming out of the program. Broadband: projects are moving along. Fiber optic companies coming through and talking with local Chambers.

D. LaCourt/MDARD

Grants are due tomorrow. Governor appointed board. 2 upper, 2 lower on board. Has met once, will meet next on June 8<sup>th</sup> to learn about the Rural Development efforts in our area.

D. Nyberg/Governor's Office

Budget is the current hot topic. Numbers will be down in future budgets FY17 and FY18. Establishing targets to scale back programs. RPI: Line item has passed house earlier month and senate committee, RPI may be in good shape. Reach out to your legislatures to express needs. Education Commission has 25 members and will be appointed in the next week or two. State of Emergency has been put in effect for the next 14 days for hours of service of petroleum due to a temporary shutdown in Detroit area.

S. Wenzlick/DEQ

Introduced Julie Lowe. She is new and only in her 4<sup>th</sup> week. Brownfield Coordinator for grants, loans, please contact her, she is the new point person. Sue is still available on Placemaking projects, tax incentives, grants, loans, can request meeting attendance. Julie will do some outreach on an individual basis.

M. Chasey/Michigan Works!

NE Michigan Industrial Association coming back on a quarterly basis. Will meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. at her office.

A. Hayes/NLEA

June 7-8<sup>th</sup> in Sault Ste. Marie –Connecting Entrepreneurs Conference. Various speakers.

T. Jenks/Oscoda County EDC

Music, home crafts, families, finding options to make some cash to supplement household income. Free publication and is produced quarterly. Has them available to pass out to circulate.

D. Glenn/NEMCOG

Mentioned the handout that was the result of the brain storming exercise from last month's meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 22, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

**Regional Prosperity Initiative Financial Report**  
**February 11, 2016 - May 31, 2016**  
**35% of the contract period completed**

	Year to Date	Budget	Budget Remaining	% Budget Used
<b>NEMCOG</b>				
Professional and administrative staff *	\$ 25,007.26	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 28,992.74	46.31%
<b>OTHER DIRECT EXPENSE</b>				
Printing and materials		\$ 3,000.00		0.00%
Legal	\$ 1,032.00	\$ 5,000.00	3,968.00	20.64%
Travel and meetings	600.78	3,000.00	2,399.22	20.03%
<b>Subtotal Other Direct</b>	<b>1,632.78</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>	<b>6,367.22</b>	<b>14.84%</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>				
Mini-Grants: EDC & Enterprenurial System	-	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00%
Mini-Grants: Regional Marketing	3,487.50	35,000.00	31,512.50	9.96%
Talent Tours	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	100.00%
Training - Digital Works	34,000.00	34,000.00	-	100.00%
10-Year Plan	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
Statewide Plan	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Infrastructure - Broadband Plans	2,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00	25.00%
<b>Subtotal Projects</b>	<b>42,487.50</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>	<b>117,512.50</b>	<b>26.55%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 69,127.54</b>	<b>\$ 225,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 152,872.46</b>	<b>30.72%</b>

