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**Minutes
of the
Region 3: RPI Collaborative
January 25, 2017
Kirtland Health and Science Institute
Grayling, MI**

Call to Order: Chair, Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members Present: Marisue Moreau, Steve Schnell, Doug Baum, Tom Stephenson, Steve Milford, Niki Chamberlain, Lydia Murray, Erich Podjaske, Luann Mabarak, Audra Leininger, Diane Love-Suvade, Heidi VanWagoner. Those attending via Go-To-Meeting: Donna LaCourt, Tim Jenks. Others: Janie McNabb, Strategic Policy Consultants.

Staff: Diane Rekowski

Approval of Previous Minutes: L. Mabarak moved, seconded by T. Stephenson to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016, meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Financial Report: D. Rekowski informed the Collaborative that the year-end report is showing a loss of \$3,800. A Final 2016 Financial Report will be provided at the February meeting.

RPI 2017 Region 3 Grant: D. Rekowski received notice on Dec 28th that the grants were still in the review process. Have not yet heard, expect to by month's end. Currently do not have funding for this project.

Presentation: 10-Year RPI Talent Plan Overview. *Janie McNabb, Strategic Policy Consultants*
Janie McNabb provided an overview of the Talent Plan for Region 3. Recommendations were reviewed with guidance provided on next steps for action by Collaborative.

Action Items:

- * Adopt a Vision Statement: her suggestion: Vision to fill 10,000 good jobs (\$14.00 an hour or more) in 10 years.
- * Hold roundtables with Millennials. Find out why millennials live here, what would they like to see in region, etc. Use reasons to target market.
- *Talent Development: Wood products and healthcare are the suggested areas. Use USDOL registered apprenticeships. Also, develop career pathways.
- * Create a Talent Attraction subcommittee.
- * Create a Regional Entrepreneurial Collaborative. Could also establish a subcommittee for both talent attraction and entrepreneurship.

D. Rekowski moved, seconded by L. Murray to appoint Audra Leninger as Chair and Diane Love-Suvada, Vice-Chair of the Talent and Entrepreneurship Subcommittee. Ayes all, motion carried.

CY 2017 Organizational Items

Review of Collaborative Membership Operating Procedures: Discussion followed membership, quorum and the issue of being present in order to be considered for funding. M. Moreau, D. Rekowski and D. Baum will draft recommendations.

Meeting Topics/Presentation: Next meeting: Diane Love-Suvade, Executive Director to Sawmill Entrepreneurial Center in Roscommon. D. Rekowski will schedule a presentation from Bill Pallodino, recently funded from the Region's MEDC grant, for Region 3's "Regional Local Foods Initiative".

Other Business

No Other Business.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Updates

Rural Development Grant is due Feb 2 at 3:00 pm. M. Moreau informed the group that a new apprenticeship success coordinator, Molly Harvey, just started.

Adjournment

Next meeting Feb 22 at 1:00 in Gaylord.