

# CEO Update

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium

Timeframe: February 2025 – April 2025

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awarded MITTEN-24 grant for \$446,023               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional dollar request forthcoming (staff time)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Submitted grant proposal for Talent &amp; Growth Barrier Removal program through State of Michigan: \$140,000</li> <li>WIOA Funding Cut 31.3% (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>) <i>2,717,154 req'd cut 851,640</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Planning – offices, staff, participants, future-focused, strategic priorities</li> <li>Rent Reduction Requests</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocacy Day March 19 in Lansing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representative Ken Borton</li> <li>Representative Cam Cavitt's Policy Specialist, Adam Hagedorn</li> <li>Senator John Damoose and his Deputy Chief of Staff, Dakota Baker</li> <li>Senator Michelle Hoitenga's Chief of Staff, Caleb Wortz</li> </ul> </li> <li>Legislative Priorities: Going PRO Talent Fund, Registered Apprenticeships, MI Skills Fund, Youth Career Exploration, Barrier Removal Employment Success (BRES)</li> </ul>
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & CHALLENGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight: Employee Appreciation Day March 7</li> <li>Highlight: START Collaborative Leadership meetings (cue: ice storm)</li> <li>Challenge: WIOA funding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversification of funding + constant evaluation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Challenge: Ice Storm               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology: network and email servers down until Friday morning; reviewing technology base, protocols, assessments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
LOOKING AHEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact Awards April 2025</li> <li>MCO May 2025</li> <li>Advocacy for workforce development programs, particularly WIOA at the state level + monitoring potential reauthorization</li> <li>Disaster Response planning + strategy development</li> </ul>