

**SEMCA EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)  
SEMCA, 25363 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2011**

**Members Present**

Robert Schnieders  
Janet Haas  
Ginger Mason  
Sherry Zylka  
Daniel Martinez  
Malin Wagner  
Halyna Bialczyk  
Myron Gray  
Brian Gilbertson  
Sandy Kreps

**Alternates Present**

Leslie Kellogg

**Members Absent**

Charlie Mahoney  
Judy Cock  
Alice Murphy  
Grace Yackee/Peter Coomar  
Leigh Kegerreis  
Jerry Kaminsky

**Staff Present**

Tamara Lamper-Norrix

**Guests**

Rosemary Doyle, CDF Trainer  
Dr. James Robinson, WCCCD

**Call to Order**

Schnieders called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Schnieders welcomed new board members Sandy Kreps and Myron Gray. Jerry Kaminski from American Axle Manufacturing has also been added to the Board. Sherry Zylka, Schoolcraft College has been changed from Non-WDB Employer and moved to Postsecondary Sector per State requirements. Zylka also advised that she is retiring at the end of March and is working on finding a replacement from Schoolcraft to take her place.

**Public Comment**

Doyle provided the Board with a flyer for an upcoming event called Unmasking Youth Violence being held on April 12, 2011, 7-8:30 p.m., at Unity of Livonia, 28600 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED by Zylka to approve the Agenda of February 8, 2011 as presented, supported by Wagner. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOVED by Wagner to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2010 as presented, supported by Martinez. All voting aye, motion carried.**

**Region 25 Workforce Development Education Council Update**

Wagner reported that first meeting of the WDEC was held on January 18, 2011. The group discussed questions that included what is Tech Prep and what are the goals; a discussion on whether the community colleges would like to formally or informally participate; review of fiscal agencies and consortium members; and a review of a presentation developed by the Tech Prep facilitators that will be viewed by students in the region. It was a very informative 3-hour meeting. All of the community colleges attended.

Information was provided to better understand what is accepted and what is not accepted in Tech Prep at both levels.

This group will meet three times a year with the next meeting being held February 25, 2011 at Wayne RESA from 9-12. At this meeting the group will review the roundtable discussion presented at the Michigan CTE Conference that was facilitated by Kellogg and Bialczyk, as well as items from the meeting in January; working with postsecondary regarding CIP alignments; follow-up on how the student Tech Prep presentations are going; Coomar will present on Programs of Study and UIC. Tech Prep Goals and Definitions for Secondary and Postsecondary have been established and will be reviewed. Kellogg thought the meeting went well but feels that the presentation for students regarding Tech Prep is too general and should be more focused on raising awareness about articulation opportunities.

Wagner would like present this information to the Workforce Development Board. Schnieders advised that the WDB is concentrating on the last stage of their Strategic Plan Process, and this presentation will probably have to wait until the spring.

Haas stated that no matter how much Livonia talks to the students and parents and advertises the articulation process (AP), parents and students wait until the last minute or do not remember to obtain their AP credit and its the counselors at Schoolcraft College that have been great in making sure these students return and obtain that credit.

Schnieders thanked everyone for their hard work and is excited to see the progress made and the continued efforts to work out the details.

### **Michigan Education Career Conference Highlights**

Kellogg and Carol Jones of HFCC put together the roundtable discussion for the Michigan CTE Conference. There were 45 people in attendance including State CTE Director Patty Cantu. Many of the same issues are being tackled throughout the state. It was very informative and the notes will be posted on the CTE website. One suggestion that should be investigated further came from Director Cantu indicating that articulated credit courses should be part of the high school transcript and would be flagged as such.

Board discussed dual enrollments and articulated credit and the problems that surface when students transfer to the university level. Some universities will not accept articulated credits from the high school level.

### **National/State Reports**

Bialczyk provided a brief synopsis regarding the Education Round Table Committee Report and Pathways to Prosperity Project Report, copies of which were provided to the Board for further review.

Haas questioned what one thing could we take from the reports to begin implementation of the program. Bialczyk suggested 4-year plans as a baby step to start. The report suggests P-20 (Preschool through College and into the Workforce).

### **Region 25 Secondary CTE Updates**

Bialczyk reviewed the Career Technical Education Wage Earning Programs and Enrollment Report for 2007-2008 through 2009-2010 and the Region 25 Core Performance Indicator Data Compared from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010. Board reviewed the Career National Association video, which is also located on the CTE website.

Bialczyk reviewed the Region 25 CTE Perkins Regional Grant Activities for FY 2010-2011.

CTE Secondary Regional Advisory Committee Meeting is being scheduled and will be held at the Flat Rock Community Center. An invitation will be forthcoming.

Board viewed The A-Game videos.

**Adult Education and Community College Updates**

No adult education report.

Zylka reported that the Community College Consortium project with DTE Energy is working well. At a national level, the community colleges have always been very good at access, the open door policy, but the next focus is going to be on how to help the students become successful and complete their education. Kellogg discussed the Achieving the Dream Initiative.

**Workforce Strategic Planning Update**

Update already provided.

**New/Old Business**

No new business. The March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be held on April 5, 2011. If the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting does not work for the community colleges and their Perkins Grant Applications, we will adjust the schedule to meet their needs.

**Adjourn**

**MOVED by Zylka to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kellogg. All voting aye, meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Lamper-Norrix  
Executive Assistant - SEMCA