

SEMCA EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)

Wednesday March 30, 2010, 2-4pm

SEMCA, 25363 Eureka Rd., Taylor, MI

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Robert Schnieders
Brian Gilbertson
Cathleen Griffith
Halyna Bialczyk
Alice Murphy
Malin Wagner

Alternates Present

Leslie Kellogg

Members Absent

Charlie Mahoney
Judy Cock
Fatima Anthony
Grace Yackee/Peter Coomar
Betty Bloch
Michelle Sanford
Ginger Mason/Donald Spencer
Janet Haas
Sherry Zylka

Staff Present

Tamara Lamper-Norrix

Guests

Carol A. Jones – HFCC
Rosemary Doyle – CDF

Call to Order

Chair Schnieders called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was not present.

Public Comment

No public comment was given upon request.

Meeting moved to the informational items of the Agenda. The December 1, 2009 Minutes will be brought before the Board at the May meeting.

Secondary 2010-2011 Perkins Grant Application

Bialczyk provided an overview of Region 25 and its CTE Mission and Vision Statements and the Secondary Perkins and Tech Prep Plans. Region 25 continues to work with its local community colleges and its Workforce Development Board to align its curriculum with the colleges and work with the labor market information provided by the WDB on high wage, high demand and high skill careers required by the global economy.

Bialczyk discussed Cluster Pathways and the requirement to have a Program of Study (four years of high school, plus two years of postsecondary, plus two more years). The Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC) received a Best Practice Award for their Program of Study from the State to be used as the state model.

Articulation is still not well known by parents and students. Region 25 and its postsecondary partners are currently working towards regional articulation or direct credit.

Bialczyk discussed the recent State Audit of Region 25's Perkins and Tech Prep Programs for FY 08-09. Dr. Paul Lammers is responsible for monitoring of the Perkins Grant. During the audit, there was only

one possible recapture found in the amount of \$200. Dr. Lammers was recognized for a Best Practice Award by the State for his efficiency in monitoring the annual grants.

Bialczyk continued the PowerPoint presentation to review the 2010-2011 Secondary Perkins Grant Application. Board reviewed and commented on Region 25's Core Performance Indicator Worksheet and the 2010-2011 CPI's Activities, Implemental Strategies, Target Populations and Use of Funds Worksheet. As for Core Performance Indicators, the focus this year will be the collection of longitudinal data. The State will be looking to see that the programs have made improvement even if they did not meet the required benchmark.

Region 25 is expecting to receive \$2,394,543 for FY 2010-2011 for Secondary Perkins.

Secondary 2010-2011 Tech Prep Grant Application

Bialczyk continued the PowerPoint presentation to review the 2010-2011 Secondary Tech Prep Grant Application. Board reviewed and commented on the 2010-2011 Tech Prep Activity Plan and the 2010-2011 Perkins and Tech Prep Districts List. These funds can be used for permissible and required activities and must show the targeted groups to receive funds. The State requires the grant recipients to perform regional activities under Tech Prep and Perkins.

Region 25 is expecting to receive \$307,477 for FY 2010-2011 for Secondary Tech Prep.

Bialczyk discussed, in detail, the audit process. She also received recognition from the State for her PowerPoint presentation on the Region 25 system. Schnieders thanked her for her leadership and recognized all the individuals receiving Best Practice recognitions from the State and those that worked so hard on the audit.

A document entitled "Roles and Responsibilities of Local Boards" was attached to the newest Policy Issuance from the State (DELEG and the Bureau of Workforce Transformation) and was provided to the Board. Tamara confirmed with Christopher Rosborough that this remains in effect and the only change was that an EAG sign-off was no longer necessary. It indicates that the EAG Board must "Review and Comment on Plan" for Secondary Perkins and Tech Prep and Postsecondary Perkins and Tech Prep Plans. The Board meeting currently scheduled for May 4, 2010 is cancelled and will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to review and comment on the Postsecondary Perkins Grant Applications for the four regional community colleges.

Education Workforce Continuum Report (Pipeline)

The EAG's functionality is to upload information to the Workforce Development Board and bring information from the WDB back to the EAG. Schnieders discussed the current economy and the estimated time-frame for recovery within the private sector and education system. Schnieders asked the EAG to think about, between this meeting and the next, what are the initiatives this EAG Board can take on over the long-term. Schnieders would like to see the EAG not react to what comes in from the State today; the education institutions have leaders in the region that can handle the State requirements. The EAG has the ability to take the whole education system to a new level. Schnieders used articulation as an example. Although both secondary and postsecondary are working on regional articulation, it is noted that few students are taking advantage of articulation. Schnieders discussed proper badging (what do you call it), branding (everyone should know what it means) and marketing (get the information out there to the target audience). Articulation may not be the right badge or has not been branded and/or marketed efficiently.

The EAG could be instrumental in bringing about an efficient system that motivates more students to get excited about postsecondary education and make aware articulation opportunities to move from secondary

into postsecondary education. Raising awareness for parents and students is key to the success of articulation.

EAG agreed to focus on regional articulation awareness (badging, branding and marketing). Schnieders determined that the first part of future EAG meetings will focus on regulatory items and the rest of the meeting will be utilized to work on the articulation issue.

Board discussed the Green Jobs Initiative and the transference of skill sets to these new career opportunities.

Adult Education and Community College Updates

HFCC is developing a poster to put in all CTE classrooms raising awareness of articulation.

HFCC is developing a Program of Study for Child Development. Wagner will provide Kellogg with a copy of DCTC's Program of Study.

Further CTE Updates

Bialczyk discussed the Career Cruising program that is available on the RESA website. Anyone can go online and utilize their program for a 30-day trial period. She will do a demonstration of the program at a future EAG meeting.

June 10th is the next CTEC Meeting and will recognize those that are retiring and honor partners at a breakfast. Malin Wagner is retiring from DCTC and moving to a smaller CTE program in Dearborn. Bialczyk will forward the information to Tamara to distribute to the Board.

New/Old Business

The May 4, 2010 EAG meeting is cancelled and moved to May 25, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Tamara will provide the community colleges with the information regarding the clarification from the State.

Adjourn

Wagner motioned for meeting to be adjourned, Kellogg supports. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Lamper-Norrix
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