

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2011

Members Present

Robert Schnieders
Charlie Mahoney
Ginger Mason
Alice Murphy
Daniel Martinez
Halyna Bialczyk
Judy Cock

Alternates Present

Leslie Kellogg

Members Absent

Janet Haas
Sandy Kreps
Brian Gilbertson
Grace Yackee/Peter Coomar
Leigh Kegerreis
Jerry Kaminsky
Myron Gray
Malin Wagner

Staff Present

Tamara Lamper-Norrix
Gregory Pitoniak

Guests

None

Call to Order

Schnieders called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was not present. Agenda moved to the information items.

Public Comment

No public comments were made upon request.

Region 25 Workforce Development Education Council Update

Kellogg provided updates from the February 25, 2011 Region 25 Workforce Development Education Council Meeting. The first goal is to standardize the articulation forms between the four community colleges to the greatest degree possible. Kellogg, Bialczyk and Mason will be scheduling the next meeting to work on this project. Bialczyk added that secondary schools are still hoping to research direct credit with local community colleges. This is the process they use with Ferris State University.

Funding Updates

Pitoniak updated the Board regarding WIA, JET and Wagner Peyser funding. H.R.1 was passed by the Republican Congress, which would have eliminated WIA funding altogether and probably would have closed down the Michigan Works! system. The Senate blocked the elimination and the President supports the continuation of WIA funding. Cuts are expected for the remainder of this fiscal year as well as for the 2012 budget that begins July 1, 2011.

Pitoniak mentioned the rumors he is hearing regarding the state general funds for adult education being reassigned for other purposes. There has been no documentation to support this issue to date. Other state funded programs include the JET (Jobs, Education & Training) and Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (MPRI). There have been no cuts to the JET program in the governor's budget and there is a want and attempt to move MPRI into a more formalized program. Now we wait to see if the budget is adopted in its entirety or if there will be negotiations for changes. Negotiations for changes could bring forth further cuts in all programs.

Bialczyk informed the Board that we have already received a 9% budget cut in our region due to loss of population. Tech Prep was eliminated from the initial proposed budget, which would have brought another 10% loss to the region, however, it has been put back into the current proposed budget and is still in jeopardy. We have also received a 10% budget cut in Perkins funding.

Adult Education and Community College Updates

Cox reported that originally the 107 funding was left untouched by the governor's budget, but now it is being discussed in the Appropriations Committee. There has been little word from the State other than Adult Education will know by April 14, whether 107 funding will be a casualty. The \$22 million funds the majority of smaller adult education programs. Adult Education also receives WIA 2 funding. Cock discussed the regionalization requirement Governor Granholm incorporated into the WIA Grant that Region 16 worked hard to achieve. Under Governor Synder, the grant applications no longer require regionalization and are just being continued for two years. Cock did state that a small grant can be applied for as a region that can move the regionalization process forward, but no grant language has been provided to date and the grant application is due June 1, 2011. Pitoniak noted that since this governor is so supportive of the regionalization process, and this program was moving in that direction before being tabled, it could be looked at again in the future and just retooled and renamed to claim ownership of the program.

Kellogg provided updates for HFCC. There was a ground breaking ceremony for the Science Building expansion. It has a green roof and is a state-of-the-art facility that can be changed easily. Schneiders asked about the Society of Engineers Buildings. No definitive plans have been finalized for those buildings other than a tentative plan to move student services into the space.

Region 25 Secondary CTE Updates

Board agreed that the approval of the 2011-2012 Secondary CTE Perkins/Tech Prep Applications will be a review and file since EAG approval is no longer required. Bialczyk and Mason reviewed the 2011-2012 Region 25 Perkins and Tech Prep Application. Region 25 has improved in core performance indicators and met the benchmarks for MME and No Child Left Behind at a 90% level. Region 25 exceeds the average for Technical Skill Attainment, Secondary School Completion and Student Graduation Rates. We are slightly below average in Reading and Mathematics. The Non-Traditional Participation and Completion percentages are low, but are low statewide. Bialczyk and Mason reviewed the Funding Reports for CTE Perkins and Tech Prep.

Bialczyk provided the email regarding H.R. 1 cuts of Perkins and Tech Prep Funding. She also provided talking points and suggested language for letters to your Congress and Senate and encouraged the Board to support CTE funding.

Bialczyk discussed the national recognition of Region 25's WDB and EAG Boards.

Region 25 will be piloting "The A Game" program at some of their schools to help student's develop a good work ethic. Martinez reported that the JET program is looking at tweaking the current model of "The A Game" to help with their adult population. The seven A's are Attendance, Appearance, Attitude, Acceptance, Accountability, Ambition and Appreciation.

Bialczyk discussed a work-based learning partnership with Wyandotte Hospital where students learn about different careers in the health field. Bialczyk will provide Schneiders with a one-page summary of the program that he will pass out to the Workforce Board members to see if anyone is interested in a partnership. Kellogg would like to see the community colleges participate in this event as well by

discussing what college programs they provide in the healthcare fields. This will tie the education component with the employment component.

Mason discussed a program for Engineers at the University of Toledo with the same concept.

New/Old Business

Secondary Pipeline Report will be reported at the next meeting.

On May 4, 2011, there will be a free event for the Michigan National Career Readiness Certificate. Bialczyk will provide Tamara with the information to send to the entire Board.

Adjourn

MOVED by Bialczyk to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kellogg. All voting aye, meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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