

Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium

Education Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2009

Members Present	Members Absent
<p>Jeanine Bellinger, Shepherd Public Schools Carolyn Bennett, Middle Michigan Dev. Corp Teri Brecht, Gratiot-Isabella RESD Doug Bush, alt for Terry Barker, Shepherd Public Schools Dennis Dunlap, Gratiot-Isabella RESD Traci Gavenda, Ithaca Public Schools Bill Henderson, APPI Pat Nelson, Gratiot Area Chamber</p>	<p>Ed Albert, Belding Public Schools Charles Barker, Belding Public Schools Thomas Batchelder, WFDB Janet Bloomfield, CAMWC Beth Davis, Ionia Public Schools Paula Fortino, Montcalm Area ISD Kevin Meade, Ionia County National Bank Chuck Mungall, Fulton Schools Joe Pius, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Mike Pung, Mt. Pleasant Area Tech. Center Anne Sharkey Scott, Heartlands Rob Spohr, Montcalm Community College</p>

1. Chairman's Report

- A. National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)—Members present were provided information on how to engage and get commitment from employers.
- B. The Stimulus Package has passed which would provide more money for the Michigan Works! Youth program. There was a discussion on how to get more schools involved with helping to inform students of the Michigan Works! programs. There is money for training, work experience, support services and for GED's.

2. **Green Schools** – Members were provided information on the Green Today Conference on May 11th at the Lansing Center. There will be nationally recognized leaders from Green For All and Apollo Alliance.

3. **Perkins Grant Update** – Continue doing the same with more emphasis on outreach with the middle school and nontraditional careers.

4. **NCRC Employer Engagement** – Dennis provided the following website www.michiganrc.org and a presentation on how to use the website to gain useful information for students and instructors. Michigan is third in the United States for NCRC certificates.
5. **Marketing/Manufacturing** - Gratiot County Industrial Round Table is in the process of putting together a script.
6. **Other Business** – Resignation was received from Roxanne Mier - Ionia Michigan Works! Youth Case Manager. Robin Wirth, Ionia Michigan Works! Case Manager, was nominated to fill the vacancy.
 - A. Next Meeting Date: May 20, 2009, 11:30 a.m. at the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District. Lunch will be provided.
 - B. We will be rotating meetings from Montcalm and Gratiot County every other meeting to accommodate everyone.

Thanks to Central Area Michigan Works! Consortium (CAMWC) for providing lunch.

7. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.