

# Central Area Michigan Works Consortium

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## Educational Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2009

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

### 1. Chairman's Report

- A. The Stimulus Package has passed which would provide money for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). There was a discussion on how to get more schools and non-profits involved with helping to inform students of the Michigan Works! program. There is dollars available for GED's, remediation, training, work experience, and support services.
- B. National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)-members present were provided information on how to engage and get commitment from employers. Bill Henderson from APPI provided a short conversation about how APPI is using the certificate.

2. **Green Schools**– There was a brief discussion on the Green Today Conference on May 11 at the Lansing Center. Some went to the conference to get a definition about green jobs; it was clear after attending the conference, that they are still figuring it out. A couple of examples of green jobs from the conference were; if you are a welder, instead of welding auto frames you would be welding wind turbines; if you were a tool and die person, you would be making stuff for solar panels and other alternative energy resources. Dennis shared a workshop about deconstruction. Deconstruction is taking apart a building backwards. The tools needed are completely different and the person(s) doing this job reuse everything possible from the building. Materials not usable are ground up. An example of a new skill set was taking up wooden tongue-N-grove floors without damaging the tongue. These floors are resold for new home construction.
3. **Perkins Grant Update** – Ken Gothman was available to give a short presentation of the work he has completed. He shared the success of the Counselor Academy. Everyone present supported working on Math and Language Arts performance standard and to continue working with the emphasis on outreach with the middle school, Educational Development Plans (EDP's), and non-traditional careers.
4. **NCRC Employer Engagement** – Dennis provided the following website address: [www.michiganrc.org](http://www.michiganrc.org) and a presentation on how to use the website to gain useful information for students and instructors. Michigan is the third in the United States for the NCRC certificates.
5. **Marketing / Manufacturing-** Gratiot County Industrial Round Table is in the process of putting together a script for a video.
6. **Career Cruising-** The CIA team has agreed to purchase Career Cruising for all school districts. There was some discussion about requiring all districts to attend a local workshop on the use of Career Cruising. The workshop would highlight exemplarily school districts; Shepherd Public Schools was mentioned as a local presenter for these workshops.
7. **Other Business** – Carolyn Bennett gave an update on the Entrepreneur camp held in Isabella County on July 22-24<sup>th</sup>.
  - A. 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

8. **Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.