

**Meeting Notes**

April 27, 2007

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Roger Lentini called the Education Advisory Group (EAG) meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. at the St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, 62445 Shimmel Road, Centreville, Michigan 49032.

**Members Present:** Jim Harrington, Roger Lentini, Barbara Marshall, Lois Millet, Deb Miller, Claudia Pahls, Casey Putnam, and Jim Taylor.

**Members Not Present:** John Dillworth, Craig Misner, Barb Niblock, Mary Oudsema, Glen Oxender, Marilyn Potgiesser, Bernie Stankewicz, and Kimberly Thinnes.

**Staff Present:** Craig Schreuder (Michigan Works) and Sue Sirna (SJCISD)

**Required for Quorum:** 9      **Attended:** 8      **Quorum Achieved:** No

**1. Approval of EAG Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Harrington, and supported by Lois Millet, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2006 meeting of the Education Advisory Group. The motion carried.

**2. Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Tech Prep Applications for 2007-2008**

Craig Schreuder introduced the Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Tech Prep Applications for 2007-2008 by indicating that the Perkins Act of 2006 was passed as a re-authorization of the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Act of 1998. The 2006 Act provided significant changes that will affect both state and local programming. One of the significant properties of the new act is the requirement of state and locals to produce a 6-year plan. However, the Act allows States to use the first year of the 6-year plan as a "transition year".

The transition year plan represents a continuation of current activities for one-year during which time the state and local systems will prepare plans for a more long-term strategy. In this context, Craig indicated that the Career and Technical Education and Tech Prep applications for 2007-2008 reflect most of the successful activities operated during 2007-2008.

**Craig reviewed the summary of the CTE 2007-2008 Application:**

- Funding for 2007-2008 reflects a 2% (\$11,802) increase over the 2006-2007 allocation generally at the 2005-2006 levels.
- "Required" activities now include "Student Support Services/Special Populations" which was a "permissible" activity in prior years.
- Resources dedicated to the activities are from both federal and local funding. While federal and local share of financial support for individual activities appears to show both increase/decrease over the previous program years. However, the combined support remains fairly stable from one year to the next.
- Some activities show a net reduction over the prior year. However, not all local funding that is dedicated to those activities is identified on the budget forms. In actuality, the total level of local funding for the CTE activities is considerably greater than what is identified in the application.

A review of the **Tech Prep 2007-2008 Application** reflects the same general trend as for CTE. As a point of clarification, the primary difference between CTE and Tech Prep activities is relatively small – Tech Prep activities involve CTE programs that are coordinated with the postsecondary institutions through formal “articulation agreements” that set up a continuum of CTE programming for grades 11 through 14.

- Funding for 2007-2008 reflects a 3% (\$2,939) increase compared to the 2006-2007, but remains 3% lower than the allocations for 2005-2006.
- As in CTE, the “required” activities now include “Student Support Services/Special Populations” which was a “permissible” activity in prior years.
- Activities in the 2007-2008 are generally of the same nature as those provided during 2005-2006. Some were consolidated and others were modified.

A summary of the CTE and Tech Application Activities and Budget are attached to the official Meeting Notes.

**A motion made by Jim Taylor and supported by Barbara Marshall to approve the CTE and Tech Prep 2007-2008 Applications. Motion carried.**

## 2. Annual Core Performance Indicators

Craig provided a brief discussion of the **2005-2006 Annual Performance Evaluation**. This is the most recent report of results from the annual follow-up of students that completed their CTE program. The “Performance Indicators” are established through federal statute and serve as benchmarks for local programs. Failure to attain the stated goals requires local programs to design specific CTE and Tech Prep activities to address deficient areas.

The results showed that the Kalamazoo-St. Joseph Region has exceeded four of the six of the Federal core performance indicators ranking in the top five for 4 of the six indicators. Craig explained that the two indicators that were not achieved “Non-traditional Employment” and Non-traditional Completion” was a state wide phenomenon that resulted from the state using old instructional classification codes for non-traditional occupation. No region passed these indicators.

<u>Performance Indicator</u>	<u>Required Performance</u>	<u>Actual Performance</u>	<u>State Ranking</u>
1S1 Academic Achievement	62.48%	79.01%	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1S2 Technical Achievement	86.89%	92.59%	5 <sup>th</sup>
2S1 High School Completion	98.12%	100%	T1 <sup>st</sup>
3S1 Placement	94.50%	96.63%	4 <sup>th</sup>
4S1 Nontraditional Enrollment	33.24%	13.75%	17 <sup>th</sup>
4S2 Nontraditional Completion	31.09%	13.31%	15 <sup>th</sup>

## 3. Postsecondary Perkins Career & Technical Education Applications for 2007-2008

Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) provided summaries of their CTE Applications for the 2007-2008 school year. Glen Oaks did not have a summary of their plan available at the time of the EAG meeting. Jim Taylor explained that the community colleges were just given an extension of 30-days to make adjustment for clarifications that were currently being discussed at the Department of Education. The CTE applications for the postsecondary institutions also encountered reductions in funding for 2007-2008.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College’s CTE funds for 2007-2008 are at the same level as for the 2006-2007 years (\$560,394). However these may change within the month. The application cited four general areas in which funds would be targeted: Special Populations, Counseling/Guidance and Placement, Professional Development, and Capital Equipment Purchases. These will remain in place unless the clarification provided by the Department of Education required a different direction.

**A motion made by Deb Miller and supported by Lois Millet to approve the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Postsecondary CTE and Tech Prep 2007-2008 Applications. Motion carried.**

Craig indicated that action required for the Glen Oaks Community College Perkins Application will be addressed through an e-mail vote of the EAG when approvals are required. Changes to the KVCC application could be addressed at the same time.

**4. Carl Perkins Re-authorization**

Craig distributed a handout that provided highlights of some of the changes that will be faced in the planning of the 2008-2009 CTE and Tech Prep Applications. Some items worth noting include:

- Change in definition of a Tech Prep student
- Career guidance and academic counseling now includes the provision of information on baccalaureate degree programs
- Local plans must incorporate "rigorous and challenging" core academic and technical courses.
- Additional emphasis on placing special population students in "high skill, high-demand, high wage" jobs.
- Increased accountability and earlier sanctions.
- Aligning academic achievement to No Child Left Behind academic content and achievement standards.

**5. EAG**


Craig indicated that the ranks of the EAG are dwindling. It was announced earlier in the meeting that Bernie Stankeiwicz is leaving the ISD for a private sector opportunity, both Craig Misner and Glenn Oxender are retiring this year, and others that have left over the past several years have not been replaced. Craig noted that the role and responsibility of the EAG has changed substantially since its inception. Because of this there is discussion statewide of the continued vitality of EAGs. While some regions have very dynamic EAGs, most are struggling to find their purpose and identity.

Craig emphasized that members serving on the EAG must see that their service brings "added-value" to their service and the community which is intended to be served by the EAR. Craig asked that this discussion be continued during the next EAG meeting.


**6. Adjournment**

Roger Lentini indicated that the next EAG meeting is scheduled for Friday August 24, 2007 at the St. Joseph county ISD. Roger adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Handouts of presentations made at the meeting will be provided to EAG members not in attendance.

  
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