

Career & Educational Advisory Council (CEAC)

Virtual Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2020

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

CEAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Laura Percival
Erika Comerford
Dana McGrew
Jason Reed
Dawn Stone
Joyce McCoy
Elizabeth Doering
Daniel Beltz
Deborah Larson
Steve Fosgard (Alternate)

CEAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Tony Nash
Mike Stephenson
Chris Hodges
Chuck Hayes
Mark Dombroski
Erine Adams

REQUIRED REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Evan Linskey- State of MI, LMI
Jessie Mitchell- MEDC
Collin Hoffmeyer- Michigan Works! NC

REQUIRED REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT

James Fults- TIA

STAFF PRESENT

Tricia Selke, Quality Assurance Specialist
Ned Heath, Youth Program Manager

MINUTES

Approval of the February 26, 2020 meeting minutes. ***Motion to approve the mentioned minutes was made by Deborah Larson and seconded by Jason Reed. All voting aye. Motion carried.***

SECTION 61(b) & ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

The region will receive approximately \$1.4 million in 61(b) funding. These funds are generated based on student enrollment in CTE programs in which the student is receiving both high school and college credit. The schools in the region that are entitled to the funding are Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, COOR ISD, Gaylord, Iosco RESA, and Whittemore-Prescott. Dana McGrew stated that the schools should not plan on this funding for the 2021 school year.

We are still providing Adult Education. Because our curriculum is online, we have had fairly good participation. Two problems that we are working on solutions for is enrolling students and high school equivalency testing. These are both normally done face to face. We think we have plans to get both of those things done now. Even with the problems we are graduating either through a diploma or high school equivalency the most people we have since we took over the program a few years ago.

SUMMER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

The Summer Young Professionals initiative is a way to reduce unemployment by introducing under-represented young adults to work experiences and other services. The services will help the participant gain the skills necessary to help achieve economic self-sufficiency. Ned stated that this is a great way to get the youth involved and the only investment on the employers part is the training. After the work experience is finished it is up to the employer whether or not to continue with the employment.

COVID-19

Dana McGrew stated that schools do not plan on opening their doors until after the 1st of July. Since the stay at home order, due to COVID-19, school districts have been offering a variety of methods to keep their students engaged. Some of the methods include online, hybrid online (for students that have a computer but lack bandwidth), and traditional paper and pencil homework packs. Some of the results from this type of instruction have been good and others not so good. The good results stem from the students that have parents that are involved and are keeping them on task. The bad results come from homes where participation is not being encouraged by the parents. At this time it is not a requirement to complete the work. Students will be able to progress to the next grade level no matter what. Lack of motivation is relevant. In the fall, when schools decide how they plan to reopen, one thing is for certain. Students will be required to do work for credit.

MiCAREERQUEST UPDATE

Ned stated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic all of the board members should have received an email that the event for 2020 is cancelled. Nearly all of the sponsors have agreed to roll over their sponsorship to be used for the 2021 event. Dana McGrew added that he hopes it will return next spring because in his opinion it is the best career exploration event in the area. Joyce McCoy stated that she would like to see a late fall date be considered.

ROUND TABLE

Joyce McCoy- Gave the Perkins 5 report for the region. Funding is on track for the next school year that will help pay for paraprofessionals, to help purchase software and technology, along with other plans of helping with certification possibilities for students. She also discussed the Early College Planning grant

Laura Percival- Stated that all of the MiSTEM events have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Still trying to move forward with the Marshall Plan for COP, COOR, and IRESA to fund a science consultant and virtual reality machines. Possible \$15,000 grant to help with summer virtual camps.

Jason Reed- Stated that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters have played an instrumental part in the reopening of the construction industry. The Career Connections program, which is designed to help high school teachers introduce students to a career in carpentry, has implemented some online classes that will result in an industry recognized credential.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 am was made by Ryan McClintic and supported by Evan Linskey.