

# Central Area Michigan Works Consortium

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## Educational Advisory Group (EAG)

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2011

Members Present	Members Absent
<b>Carolyn Bennett</b> , Middle Michigan Dev. Corp <b>Janet Bloomfield</b> , CAMWC <b>Doug Bush</b> , Shepherd Public Schools <b>Teri Brecht</b> , Gratiot-Isabella RESD <b>Heather DeKorte</b> , United Solar Ovonics LLC <b>Dennis Dunlap</b> , Gratiot-Isabella RESD <b>Bill Henderson</b> , APPI <b>Kevin Meade</b> , Ionia County National Bank <b>Mike Pung</b> , Mt. Pleasant Area Tech. Center <b>Rob Spohr</b> , Montcalm Community College	<b>Ed Albert</b> , Belding Public Schools <b>Paula Fortino</b> , Montcalm Area ISD <b>Jeanine Bellinger</b> , Shepherd Public Schools <b>Traci Gavenda</b> , Ithaca Public Schools <b>Pat Nelson</b> , Gratiot Area Chamber

1. **Adult Learner Transformation update** – Dennis informed the EAG that the Adult Learner Transformation program was not transforming for this coming year. On May 19, at GTEC, in Alma, a small group of representatives are meeting to plan to begin drafting a Special Projects grant for improving the quality of instruction in: Adult Education and literacy activities, family literacy services, English literacy programs and institutional programs.

Carolyn stated that she continues to hear that jobs are unfilled due to the lack of training.

2. **GED and High School diploma** – The Workforce Investment Board is reviewing the diploma vs. GED certifications. The questions was asked if an employer would prefer a diploma over a GED, Bill, Kevin and Heather all agreed they view them as interchangeable. Doug shared that what is currently happening may be much different than what has happened in the past with high school outcomes.
3. **Business and Adult Education Representative**
  - A. The vacant General Representative for Montcalm County has been filled by Heather DeKorte. Heather is the HR representative for United Solar Ovonics LLC in Greenville.
  - B. The Adult Education position will be filled by Phil Garcia. Phil is the Director for the Fulton Adult/Alternative Education Program. The Workforce Investment Board will be voting on this recommendation on May 18, 2011.

4. **Perkins Grant Update** – Dennis Dunlap gave a Tech Prep update from Ken Gothman. Ken has completed 233 outreach engagements already this year! (101 “Finding Your Dream Career” Presentations, 104 sessions facilitating Career Cruising Activities, 15 sessions facilitating 4-year EDP creation, 3 Staff Trainings/Mtgs.) Ken has currently 51 more engagements booked this year with more still coming in.

Rob Spohr reported there will be three (3) Tech Prep camps at the Montcalm Community College this summer for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students: Investigating Physical Science, Alternative Energy Camp and College Experience Camp, see attached pdf.

Mike commented that Ken has been a great resource for the Mt. Pleasant Area Technical Center.

5. **Marketing and Manufacturing** - It was suggested that there is a need for educators to get more involved in the community so they are able to give better directions to students.

6. **Meeting Dates for 2011/2012**

Friday, September 9, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. (621 New St. Stanton)

Friday, November 4, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. (GI-RESD – 1131 E. Center St., Ithaca)

Friday, February 3, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. (621 New St. Stanton)

Friday, May 4, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. (GI-RESD – 1131 E. Center St., Ithaca)

7. **Adjourn-** Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm