

Michigan Adult Education Practitioners Task Forces
Accountability Task Force Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2008 Mount Pleasant, MI

- I. **Call to order:** Rich Klemm calls the meeting to order at 8:50 A.M.
- II. **Roll call:** Rich Klemm (Niles Schools), Gregg Dionne (Hazel Park Schools), David Porter (Detroit Schools), Sandy Thelen (DLEG), Cliff Akujobi (DLEG), Julie DeRose (Department of Corrections), Ben Williams (DLEG)
- III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes reviewed and Ben motions to approve minutes from last meeting and is seconded by Gregg. Minutes approved with following amendments. Section V, b., 1. should be removed from the minutes and section V, b., 2. should read "Participants must be enrolled in vocational courses accepted by the district as elective credit toward a high school diploma.
- IV. **Open issues**
 - A. GED Discussion: Jeff McNeal joins the group to discuss GED policy update
 1. Ben shares e-mail and proposed policy regarding "GED Policy Affecting Home Schools." This proposed policy states that home-school students under the age of 18 but, at least 16, may test with proof that they have been out of a regular school for at least one calendar year OR proof that the home-school is registered with MDE.
 - a. *The task force has agreed to recommend this policy be added to the administrative guidebook. Ben will forward the policy to Dianne Duthie.
 2. GED Testing Services letter to Michael Flanagan discussed:
 - a. It is recommended that there needs to be further high-level coordination between DLEG and MDE regarding this. The GED certificate should be signed by the state superintendent rather than DLEG director
 - b. With regards to the "Prudent Restrictions to Guide States That Permit 16- and 17-Year-Olds to Take the GED Tests," it is recommended that Michigan will not need to adopt these because Michigan already has a policy in place for this.
 - c. It was discussed that homeschool certificates will not suffice for homeschool waiver documentation; however that documentation from MDE or ISD that indicates that a student is being homeschooled will suffice.
 - d. Rich and Gregg will work with the MACAE Alternative Education Focus Group to facilitate collaboration.
 - B. Conference Workshops:
 1. August In-service "Section 107 Comprehensive Overview"
 - a. Power Point from 2007 DLEG conference with Accounting manual and possibly MEGS portion.
 - b. Other presenters and official times TBD
 2. Spring Conference Sessions
 - a. Assessment: See previous minutes

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- b. Scenarios: Scenarios still needed
- c. GED Prep: Ben will be available
- d. MEGS lab: To include FAQs

V. New business

- A. 2007-2008 Deliverables reviewed with the group

VI. Next Steps

- A. Gregg and Rich will work to update communication graphs for posting on the MAEPD website. These will also be e-mailed to the group. TF to review/evaluate GED documents disseminated at last meeting and assess possible policy changes at next meeting.
- B. Make recommendation to add homeschool GED policy as described above to administrative guidebook.

VII. Agenda Items for Next Meeting/Year

- A. Look at P.A. 545 and collection of Social Security number
- B. Develop vocational education in policy section of guidebook
- C. Invite attorney back to discuss special education issues
- D. Our role in the state plan
- E. Other developing issues as needed

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Rich Klemm at 2:00 P.m.