

**Michigan Adult Education Professional Development
Curriculum Practitioners' Task Force Minutes
09/09/05**

Attendance: Linda Colagross, Jeff McNeal, Jo Pamment, Bob Rickard, Sharman Spieser, Pat Walstra, Carole Wells, Bonnie Vondracek, Jim Hunt

Meeting called to order at @ 9:00. Pat Walstra welcomed everyone and introductions followed by all members. Pat gave some background on what has transpired in the past and reviewed where we left off last year. Cristie is our committee co-chairman. Jeff McNeal will be taking notes with Carol Wells reviewing.

Jo Pamment motioned that the minutes be accepted and seconded by Carol Wells. (Vote minutes accepted)

General discussion followed on the following topics:

- High School Competencies
- 107 budget dollars, budget, GED policy
- MARES streamlining of data and information

A new Literacy group sub committee has been formed and they are meeting separately from the Curriculum committee Carol ----- is the lead from the state on that committee. The question was asked on how the information will be shared and establishment common dialog between the groups. Carols group stopped by and introductions of members followed.

Linda Collagrose reported that the Drafts for ESL were piloted and feedback for changes was minimal at this time. The GED curriculum draft pilot will be starting with a meeting scheduled for October 10. (Looking for programs to participate) The pilot is scheduled to run for a year. The ABE sub-group met during the summer to continue writing curriculum. Separate meetings will be scheduled for this group.

Bob and Pat introduced transition testing to post secondary education with handouts on placement testing, and Accuplacer handouts. This was followed by discussion on how they are used and the role the state has on changing the MEAP test. ACT and SAT testing was also discussed. This led to discussion on how the new standards for MI high school students will affect Adult Ed. Students. Everyone was to bring some ideas to the table for November meeting on what our direction should be for Adult high school curriculum. Bob will bring information on Career Pathways and Achieve data. Jim Hunt will bring information on SAT and ACT. Other information project Achieve data web site www.achieve.org

Kristie presented a summary of the Cherry Commission report and the impact on Adult Ed. Curriculum was discussed Jo brought up the point that it did not seem to address learning disabilities?

Marlyn Richart sent a summary sheet on GED outcomes and how they relate to Adult high school Competencies, (read and hold on to this sheet the topic will be coming up again)

More discussion followed about Adult high school certificates /equivalency /diploma and what direction the State is looking for. Pat will bring some information on Equip for the future to our next meeting. (Looking for someone to bring NIFL standards).

The subject of Professional Development and how do we provide P&D for ESL or other programs and how is the cost going to be covered. Our group is to produce/recommend a tool for the field to use not mandate program curriculum or policy. (wording may not be right on this point. ESL feedback @ January.)

General discussion points:

- High School completion/curriculum full group (voted and passed)
- Adult high-school competition bring ideas to next meeting (empowerment)
- Responsible thinking classroom ideas (Bob to bring)
- Carol? Kathleen WorkKeys information
- Next meeting November 18
- Employability skills curriculum
- The state conference planning committee would like the Curriculum Task Force to identify a topic or two to present at the conference in March. Please be thinking about the topics to discuss.

Committee adjourned into sub groups and dismissed from there.

Personal note: Sorry if I missed anything, does the state shoot messengers?