

**Michigan Adult Education Professional Development
Curriculum Practitioners' Task Force Minutes
1/13/06**

Attendance: Susan Ledy, Mary Hemmen, Jaffiria Leach, Marilyn Rechartd, Bill Sherb, Cindy Glore, Christina Luikey-Nelson, Linda Colagross, Jeff McNeal, Jo Pamment, Bob Rickard, Carole Wells, Jim Hunt, Jane Rudisill and Pat Walstra

Meeting called to order at @ 8:45

Approval of Minutes; Motion; Jim Hunt

Second; Carole Wells

Approval unanimous

Next meeting March 3rd 8:30 3:30 in Kalamazoo. (Don't forget to r.s.v.p if you did not at the meeting. Our last meeting is in Lansing, April 28th (Sheraton).
Reminder to bring mileage forms with you for expenses statement.

Curriculum Task Force Projects

ABE sub-committee report (Linda Colagross)

Current progress and status of the ABE curriculum was shared. The ABE sub committee met on 1/12/2006 and will meet again on 4/27/2006. The first rough draft is complete except for the last two levels in numeracy. Work will be finished and presented to the committee by April 28th meeting. The curriculum is based on Michigan Curriculum frameworks, other State curriculums and Adult learning theory. A snapshot of the curriculum was shared with the full committee. GED standards pilot started in October. Linda will share the responses when they come in. ESL Pilot review scheduled for April 2006. It was recommended that full release of the ESL and GED curriculum and ABE curriculum to be done simultaneously. (This will promote discussion during new business). Linda will be in contact with the Feds and the American Institute for Research to check with compliance

Literacy Committee Update (Carole Jacobs)

Reported they are planning their presentations for the conference in March. Their goal is to bring awareness about the Literacy Councils of Michigan to others. They will be presenting at the general session. A map marking the location of each of the Michigan Literacy Councils is one of the ideas that they are working on.

DLEG Conference

Kathleen Sullivan (kj.sullivan@comcast.net) encouraged people to register for the State conference on March 20-23, 2006. Book your room soon before they are all gone. You can register on line but your hotel is booked separately. Keynote speakers and about 50 presenters are already booked. There will be a computer lab available for attendees. Online registration at mccte.msu.edu
Check the web for updates.

Adult High School Graduation Survey

This document was reviewed and revised by the full committee. Pat Walstra will write a narrative letter to go with the survey. Final draft e-mailed to committee members for review. Please respond with any concerns to Pat. She will be forwarding this letter as a deliverable product within two weeks.

Adult High School Expectations/Outcomes

After discussion, this item is to be left on the agenda as old business but any action will be tabled until the April meeting.

New Business

Discussion on the release of the ESL & GED curriculum that is being piloted by the State: **Motion:** *that the ESL and GED curriculum to be rolled out in the fall of 2006.* (Carole Wells, second by Jim Hunt: Approval unanimous)

Discussion on the language that is being used on the curriculum document and the concern that the curriculum committee had on it becoming “mandated”:
Motion: *It is recommended that Adult Education curriculum be used as a state model rather than a mandated curriculum.* (Christina Luckey-Nelson, Second by Jaffiria Leach: Approval unanimous)

Discussion on the curriculum document also lead to the **motion:** The curriculum task force formally recommends that a policy statement is made that the Adult Education curriculum is formally reviewed every three years. (Jo Pammet Second by Bob Rickard, Approval unanimous)

Discussion on professional development related to Adult Education Curriculum resulted in the **recommendation** to the State. “Our recommendation is that professional development teams should be formed from professionals/practitioners from within the State. National professionals who could provide the history, national perspective, and help with any compliance issues would be engaged to support this team.

Jaffaria Leach-Orr shared information from her district on an adaptation of career pathways and an adult learning plan. Copies were distributed to all members present.

Jo Pammet informed us about the ESL Professional Advisory Committee of MI upcoming workshop. Information can be found on: www.eslprograms-michigan.com

Meeting adjourned unanimously.

Jeff McNeal