

**Michigan Adult Education Professional Development  
Curriculum Task Force Meeting  
Treetops, Gaylord - 10/21/04**

- Review of information regarding federal ABE Consortium by Dianne Duthie
- Review of status of content standards/curriculum frameworks for GED and ESL
- Review of status of ALP Project throughout the state
- Development of goals/strategic plan for the year

Attendance: Lynn Aldrich-Spearing, Dianne Duthie, Laura Gates, Jeff McNeal, Jo Pamment, Marilyn Reichardt, Jane Rudisell, Patricia Walstra, Carole Wells, Bonnie Vondracek

Patricia Walstra called the meeting to order at 2:15 a.m. The group introduced themselves while Patricia handed out the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting. She also handed out the sign-in sheet for the next meeting.

The agenda was provided to the group and Patricia reviewed the afternoon's work. She then asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. No additions or changes were requested. Patricia asked for the group to review the minutes of the last meeting. Marilyn Reichardt made a motion that the minutes be approved. Jeff seconded the motion. A vote was called and all voted in favor of the minutes being approved.

Dianne Duthie spoke about the ABE Consortium that she and Linda Colagross had attended in Washington, D.C. two weeks ago. She discussed the rationale for content standards with curriculum frameworks for adult education. She stated that did not feel that the adult education standards needed to look exactly like the K-12 Michigan standards, but could instead reflect the needs of the adult education community. Dianne shared with the group that the reason ABE was selected was since the task force has already been concentrating on ESL and GED. Dianne stated that the Consortium met for three days in a very hands-on type of workshop. She stated that she feels that Michigan is a 2 on a 1 to 4 scale in respect to completing content standards. Dianne has requested a copy of Louisiana's ABE content standards as they are currently completed. She feels that content standards will provide more credibility to programs in Michigan, as well assisting in ensuring program quality across the state. Renee Sherman is in charge of the Consortium. Dianne will get the ABE information to the task force prior to the December meeting. It is Dianne's desire that ESL, GED, and ABE content standards/curriculum frameworks will be completed by the task force this year.

The group discussed the differences between different templates, specifically Michigan's template versus Louisiana's sample template. Jo Pamment discussed adding examples as lesson plans, etc. instead of as part of the content standards. Lynn Aldrich-Spearing discussed that examples in her curriculum framework follow each of her academic areas and that this works well.

ESL will take their draft content standards to the ESL Curriculum Subcommittee and have a final draft for the December meeting. The GED Curriculum Subcommittee will also complete revisions to their product and have a draft ready for the December meeting. The task force decided to continue using the format that was decided upon by the group last spring.

Jeff McNeal reviewed a proposal for a curriculum process. This would be a supplemental piece to add to the frameworks so that districts would know how to use curriculum. This overview would assist districts/state in understanding that content standards/curriculum frameworks are living

documents. The proposal outlines what is being looked at by the task force and a general philosophy regarding the purpose of content standards/curriculum frameworks.

The task force discussed the pilot ALP project. The group would like to have representation at the ALP meeting in November to obtain information, as well as provide information as requested regarding the definition and implementation of the ALP. Lynn will draft a memo requesting from Dianne Duthie that representation be allowed.

Patricia asked for any additional comments prior to adjournment. No additional information was put forth. Marilyn Reichardt made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Patricia adjourned the meeting.