



**CAREER & EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (CEAC)**

**MINUTES**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024; 1:00 P.M.**

***Mott Regional Technology Center***

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Chair Charmian Fletcher.

Allard, Diana - Genesee ISD	X	Lietz, Lindsay – ZF Group	
Barry, Ray – GST Michigan Works	X	Mosier, Brianna / <b>Amy Watts</b> – Flint & Genesee Education & Talent	X
Dr. Myszenski, Rebecca – Mott Community College	X	Napier, Troy – Baker College Owosso	
Fletcher, Charmian – Shiawassee RESD	X	Pavlichek, Lee – Tuscola ISD, TCC Principal / CTE Director	
Franks, Dale / <b>Cassie Stiles</b> – Shiawassee RESD	X	Prill, Yvonne – Scheurer Health	X
Grimes, Dayonte – Lapeer Community Schools		Shelton, Mary – Family Literacy Center	X
Hipes, Howard / <b>Scott McDonald</b> – Michigan Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Training Center	X	Terry, Verona – Flint Genesee Job Corps Center	
Langenburg, Brad – MI-Tech Tool		Walker, Lane – Huron Area Technical Center	
Balcer, Kay – Thumb Community Health Partnership, Director		Keenan-Lechel, Sarah – Genesee ISD	X
Brieger, Paul – SRES/CCRC, CTE Dean of Students, Instructional Coach		Konarski, Ann – Lapeer County CAN	X
Dr. Jackson, Madonna – Mott Community College Dean of Technology Division		Lange, Duane – Sanilac ISD, Superintendent	
Gandhi, Nick – Economic Analyst, State of Michigan		Mosher, Dawn – Lapeer ISD, Manager of Assessment, Data & Instructional Services	
Granz, Kari – Thumb Community Health Partnership		Nelson, Deb – Sanilac ISD, Student Services Coordinator	
Green, Tanya – Shiawassee RESD		Walworth, Corrine – Genesee ISD, Career & College Access Coordinator	X
Guzman, Rey – Business Services Representative, State of Michigan		Zagorski, Kristen – Huron ISD - MISTEM Director for Huron, Sanilac & Tuscola counties	

An X indicates present members.

Staff present were Jody Kerbyson, Sharon Bowen, Jessica Billiau, Cindy Thornthwaite and Stephanie Polmanteer. Other attendees present included Kelly Panell and Marcus Matthews with Mott Community College.

**II. Introductions**

Members of the council and other attendees introduced themselves.

III. Action Items

a. **Election of Officers**

- Chair – Charmian Fletcher
- Vice Chair – Diana Allard
- Secretary – Ray Barry

Member Ray Barry moved to approve the officers as slated. Member Rebecca Myszenski supported the motion. Chair Fletcher called for discussion. Chair Fletcher called for a vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

b. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting (*attached*)**

Member Ray Barry moved to approve the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. Member Yvonne Prill supported the motion. Chair Fletcher called for discussion. Chair Fletcher called for a vote.

All members present voted AYE.

MOTION PASSED

IV. Updates

a. Adult Education – Mary Shelton reported that Region 6 had 43 GED obtainments since July 1<sup>st</sup> and 1,054 student enrollments. She noted that Family Literacy had a total of 56 GED obtainments this calendar year. Mary was happy to announce that Tuscola ISD received funding through the 107A grant and will be using it to expand the region’s English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

b. CTE & CCAN

- Genesee County – Diana Allard shared that enrollment at GCI currently stands at 1,942 students this year, which is the largest enrollment numbers they have seen to date. They have been utilizing their partnership with Mott Community College to ensure students who enroll are not put on a waiting list. The adult education program is still proving successful with a total of 22 students participating in CNA, welding, and electrical classes. A challenge that adult students are facing is the state’s requirement for students to participate in adult education and CTE special programs concurrently; GCI is advocating to have this requirement adjusted. Diana announced that the National Association for Career and Technical Education Conference will be held in December. GCI staff will be attending to support one of their counselors who has been nominated to receive the National Counselor of the Year for Career and Technical Education award. She also shared that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation recently toured GCI and discussed ways to introduce and educate students about advanced manufacturing career pathways. GCI currently has three career fairs planned for students to interact with career pathway and bi-pathway employers.

Corrine Walworth reported that GCCAN is focused on providing resources for high school graduates to obtain credentials after graduation through traditional college or

skilled trades. She mentioned that they are currently working on distributing information packets to local schools to help guide students through the next steps. With National Apprenticeship Week in November, and applications for FASFA opening December 1<sup>st</sup>, this information will give them multiple resources and opportunities to continue their education. Additional resources being shared with students include the ISD's digital toolkit and the Genesee County beyond graduation website for college and career planning.

- Huron County – No updates available
  - Lapeer County – Ann Konarski shared that the county had 373 students attend the GSTMW! MiCareerQuest event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>; and said the event was well received. Students and administrators enjoyed the hands-on learning experiences with different employers and Ann mentioned how the event highlighted today's high-demand career opportunities. However, due to ticket availability for the event, some students were not able to attend. Ann has partnered with GSTMW! in setting up a career day experience for those students using the agency's Transfr VR headsets. She mentioned that they plan to take 50 students to DTE Energy's Pinnebog Wind Farm this year, to learn about natural sustainable energy and get an inside look at the turbines themselves.
  - Sanilac County – No updates available
  - Shiawassee County – Charmian Fletcher announced that applications for next year's CTE, dual enrollment and early college will open on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. She reported that 40% of the students currently enrolled in programs qualify for special education services, therefore the facility has put a part time instructor in place as an additional aid for those students. Charmian shared that Owosso has recently applied to start a cosmetology class in their region and they hope to start the program soon. Also, SRES D college readiness program is in the process of partnering with Mid-Michigan College to add criminal justice and early education to its course list. Cassie Stiles, who was in attendance, was introduced as the CTE facilitator for SRES D. Cassie shared that over 500 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be touring the CTE this fall to learn about their programs. It was also mentioned that the county had approximately 300 students attend the MiCareerQuest event in October in which staff received positive feedback and enthusiasm about the students' experiences.
  - Tuscola County – No updates available
- c. Skilled Trades/Apprenticeships – No updates available
- d. GST Youth Programs – Sharon Bowen reported that all funding for the young professional's program has been allocated. GSTMW! is currently waiting to hear from the state on whether a new policy issuance will be released.

- e. Career Exploration Subcommittee – Jessica Billiau shared a handout listing the 2024 MiCareerQuest exhibitors and the occupations that were represented at the event. The event hosted students from 45 school districts with a total of 2,240 students/chaperons registered to attend. The schedule of the event was changed this year to start slightly earlier, which helped with both bus and student schedules. A discussion followed regarding scheduling the event for 2025.
- f. Regional Career Outlooks – Nick Gandhi was not able to attend, however, he provided a link for members to view the 2022-2032 employment projections, and attachments for the agenda reflecting the hot 50 jobs and statewide career outlook information.

V. Other Updates/Comments

Council members discussed the 2025 CEAC meeting schedule.

VI. Adjournment

Seeing there was no other business, Chair Fletcher called the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond Barry, Secretary  
Stephanie Polmanteer, Administrative Specialist

  
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Raymond Barry, Secretary

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