

**Saginaw Valley Tech Prep Partnership  
Management Team Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2007**

**Present:**

Roger Anderson	Standish Sterling Central High School
Wendy Baker	Delta College
Kathy Bate	Midland ESA
Suzanne Brown	Bridgeport Alternative
Sue Bruno	St. Charles High School
Jane Chamberlain	Garber High School
Emily Clement	Delta College
Mary Ann Flaminio	Bullock Creek High School
Mitchell Jarosz	Delta College
Andy Kowalczyk	Pinconning High School
Charles LaClear	Bridgeport High School
Tamara Ley	Frankenmuth High School
Suzanne Marvosh	Saginaw Career Complex
Mike Newman	Heritage High School
Diane Oberlies	Western High School
Gene Rademacher	Bay City Central High School
Bridget Sadenwater	MITECH+
Aaron Schippert	Saginaw ISD
Crystal Shappee	Bridgeport High School
Amy Sholtz	Chesaning High School
Jo Ellen Strieter	Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Doug Trombley	Garber High School
Michael Vieau	Pinconning High School
Mike Vondette	Hemlock High School
Cathy Wildes	Midland ESA
Karen Zeitz	Meridian High School

P. Graves opened the meeting at 8:30. Introductions were made.

Minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting were reviewed. M. Jarosz made a motion to accept the minutes. G. Rademacher seconded the motion. Motion passed.

P. Graves asked the membership if anyone had any items they would like added to the agenda. There were no new items added.

**National Tech Prep Conference-Best Practices Presentation**

Four representatives from the Tech Prep Management Team attended the National Tech Prep Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on October 10-13, 2007. There were Jan Lanning (Midland Public Schools), Suzanne Brown (Bridgeport Alternative), Wendy Baker (Delta College), and Emily Clement (Delta College).

These representatives were on hand to report back to the group. J. Lanning was called away for a school emergency and was not able to report. She left handouts with the group outlining her experiences and best practices that she observed at the conference.

Suzanne Brown from Bridgeport Alternative began her presentation. She thanked the membership for the opportunity to attend the conference stating that she received good information and found it to be a learning experience. Her goal for the conference was to find new ideas on how to serve and meet the needs of non traditional students. Sessions she attended were Teaching with Meaning: Career Pathways-The Classroom is the Key, High School 101-High School Transition and Dropout Prevention which is an innovative, project-based strategy designed to prepare students to succeed in the classroom as well as the workplace. She also attended Seven Strategies that will get your Students Promoted Faster, Fundamentals of Successful Grant Writing, and Video Yearbook Production.

Our next presenter was Wendy Baker from Delta College. She is a full time professor and coordinator of the Environmental Technology Program. She also thanked the membership for giving her the opportunity to attend the conference. Her focus is to teach and establish a program for students coming for Environmental Technology.

She attended a pre-conference session called Hit the Road. This was a tour of the Geographic Information System (GIS) Career Pathway. The tour included high schools, a community college and a four year university. The tour confirmed her feelings of urgency to offer this at the community college level and gave a vision for future cooperative efforts with high school programs and on into four-year institutions.

The opening general session featured Willard Daggett topic: “The Education Challenge-Preparing Students for a Changing World”. He gave full definition to the distinction between high educational standards and a high quality education. He reminded his audience of what they cannot lose sight of as educators. Another session was Clinic 2: CSI. This dealt with how to use an investigation as a form of integration by using hands on investigative techniques to teach biology, chemistry, math and many other core skills.

Emily Clement from Delta College was our next presenter. She highly recommended this conference to any secondary educator. In addition to the opening session with Willard Daggett, she attended Community College Partnership Issues – A panel with national, state and local perspective; You Can Be in Two Places at Once – successfully implementing a Tech Prep dual enrollment program; Academic Support in a Nursing Career Pathway; Perkins IV Is Here; Bluegrass Aviation Initiative – Kentucky’s approach to preparing students for aviation careers; and Bridging the Divide: A CTE/general education partnership.

Reports from the four representatives can be found on our Tech Prep website under National Tech Prep Conference. <http://www.delta.edu/techprep/>

### **County Updates/Information Sharing:**

#### ***Arenac County:***

R. Anderson reported that Standish Sterling High School has hired a new counselor. The Building Trades program is moving ahead on schedule. He also mentioned they are looking into going to tri-semester.

***Bay County:***

G. Rademacher reported that Bay City Central is also looking into going to tri-semester. D. Oberlies reported that Western is in the midst of renovations. She also reported that Western is working on preserving electives.

J. Strieter reported the following activities in Bay County: Business & Education Forum, Youth Education and Training Expo for 8th through 12<sup>th</sup> graders, Counselors' Breakfast, and Awareness & Networking session which will focus on what the Business and Education Partnership does.

A. Kowalczyk reported they have a new drafting teacher working with a 3 dimensional CAD system. He also reported that they are undergoing renovations in Pinconning and have involved the architectural class. This is a great learning experience for the class.

M. Vieau reported that they added Metal Fabricating to their articulation list. He also noted that they updated drafting.

***Midland:***

C. Wildes reported Midland ESA is in the middle of Career Showcase. They have 456 participants this year with 47 businesses. Registrations can be made online.

***Saginaw:***

On behalf of the students, C. Shappee thanked the partnership for the support that has been provided to the students. She read two heartfelt letters from students.

S. Bruno shared that they are getting information out on the Career Readiness Certificate.

***Delta:***

M. Jarosz reported that Career Pathways hosted over 200 professions. He estimated 2,900 high school students participated. He also reported Delta has hired two new counselors. Since we are not currently planning any one day workshops, he reminded members that upon request, departments will send instructors to schools to promote programs and answer questions.

P. Graves reported that she, along with the Chamber folks, recently attended a legislative day in Lansing. She met with congressmen, senators, and representatives having to do with education. The legislators were enthusiastic and supportive. The event was sponsored by the Chambers.

P. Graves also reported that Delta recently submitted a \$2,000,000 grant to increase our Chemical Operator Program. This project received tremendous support from schools, businesses, and community Chambers.

**National Career Readiness Certificate**

C. Wildes gave a presentation on the Career Readiness Certificate. This certificate allows students to show perspective employers that they know the basic skills they are looking for. The certificate has three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.

Here are a few key points from her presentation:

- Reliable way to measure foundation skills to ensure qualified, trainable candidates
- A tool employers can use to make the best hiring decisions
- Predicted that by next year there will 50,000 high school students in Michigan with a CRC
- Compliments the diploma
- Certifies an individual's ability to meet entry level requirements
- Closes the communication gap between business and education
- Allows entrance into higher wage careers
- Describes the abilities of a potential employee in three important work-related areas: applied mathematics, reading for information, and locating information
- It's valuable as a stand-alone credential but a terrific supplement to a high school diploma, a GED or a college degree
- Websites: [www.nationalcareerreadiness.org](http://www.nationalcareerreadiness.org)  
<http://www.michigancrc.org/>

C. Wildes' PowerPoint presentation can be found on our Tech Prep website:  
<http://www.delta.edu/techprep/>

### **5-Year State Perkins & Tech Prep Plan/Local Planning Initiatives:**

P. Graves reported that the 5-Year State Perkins and Tech Prep Plan is due April 1, 2008. She asked members to start thinking about planning asking that the January meeting be a planning session to provide input into the plan. There are new and different initiatives in the region. She reported that the increased focus at the State level is to develop a knowledge economy, increase rigor (local definition), increase attendance in college, and provide early college experiences.

### **Student Performance Data/Accountability:**

P. Graves reported that we are working on core performance data showing how we are doing in regards to the state level requirements. Four years of this data will be sent to members individually.

### **2007-2008 Site Grants/Expenditure Requests:**

P. Graves urged members to let us know how they plan to use their site grants. Unused money will be reallocated.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Michigan Career Education Conference will be held on February 10, 11, and 12, 2008 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. Registration forms and the agenda can be found at our Tech Prep website under Key Dates.

Planning for the 2008 Summer Institute has begun. We are always looking for new ideas. If you have any ideas to share, please forward them to a committee member.

The next Tech Prep meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at Delta College in Room N007 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Management Team also scheduled a meeting for March 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room N007 at Delta College.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Pat Buczek  
Delta College