

HARFORD COUNTY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 13, 2012

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Cornell Brown, Kevin Ensor, Sue Garrett, Chas Hagan, Jason Kozak, Tom Kraft, Frank Mezzanotte, Sharon Miller, Bill Pelt, LaVerne Pitts, Joseph Ricci, Ron Wilkens, and Cheryl Wood.

Guests: Teri Weston for John Mayhorne, Stacey Lambert for Erica Bertoli, Board of Education member Robert Frisch and guest speaker Jonathan Brown

The meeting was called to order by Sue Garrett.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

Sue Garrett reviewed the status of the membership terms of Council members. Joe Ricci will have completed two three-year terms as of June, 2012. He has asked Linda Siegel to replace him as a representative from Susquehanna Workforce Network. Committee members reviewed letters of interest from five applicants and approved all of them for membership on the Council. Ms. Garrett will forward these names to the Board of Education for approval in May.

- **Collaboration with the Office of Community Engagement, Equity and Cultural Proficiency**

In the 2011 Annual Report to the Board of Education, Council members provided the following recommendation: "Evaluate existing resources in the Office of Community Engagement, Equity and Cultural Proficiency and develop strategies to increase mentoring/internship opportunities for students in CTE programs." To that end, Jonathan Brown, Director of the Office of Community Engagement, Equity and Cultural Proficiency, was asked to attend this meeting and provide an overview of the goals of his office and identify potential resources that could support students in CTE programs. He presented information the HCPS Partnership Network Site, a joint venture between his office and the Office of Technology, which will be live by fall, 2012. The site will offer a place where school system needs and community partnership opportunities can be matched to increase student achievement and maximize resources. Existing school-based partnerships, district partnerships and new potential partnerships will be captured on the site. A marketing plan will be developed to promote the use of the site by all stakeholders.

- **Program data for 2012-13 Perkins Grant**

Sue Garrett provided information related to the Carl D. Perkins grant performance measures. This data from the 2010-11 school year will be utilized to determine program strengths and needs. Local performance targets are determined by MSDE after they are given a state mandate from the federal government. Counties not reaching at least 90% of their local performance targets for three years in a row can be sanctioned. What this means is yet to be determined at the state level. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Academic Attainment-English: HCPS increased the percentage of CTE concentrators passing the HSA English II exam and met at least 90% of the local target
- Academic Attainment-Math: HCPS decreased the percentage of CTE concentrators passing the HSA Algebra exam but met at least 90% of the local target
- Technical Attainment: HCPS increased the percentage of CTE concentrators who took and passed an assessments aligned to CTE and industry standards and exceeded the local target
- Secondary School Completion: HCPS decreased the percentage of CTE concentrators expected to graduate who did but met at least 90% of the local target
- Graduation Rate: HCPS decreased the percentage of CTE concentrators who were defined as graduates based on ESEA standards but met at least 90% of the local target
- Placement: HCPS increased the percentage of CTE concentrators who entered post-secondary education, employment, or the military, two quarters after graduation and met at least 90% of the local target
- Non-traditional Participation: HCPS increased the percentage of under-represented students enrolled in non-traditional CTE programs but did not meet at least 90% of the local target (2-year warning)
- Non-traditional Completion: HCPS increased the percentage of under-represented students completing non-traditional CTE programs but did not meet 90% of the local target (2-year warning)

A discussion ensued regarding performance on the last two measures related to non-traditional participation and completion. The federal government looks at how many males are in typically female dominated programs and how many females are in typically male dominated programs. Students enroll in programs based on their aptitudes and interests and it is difficult to find a way to influence this action. This is an issue across the state.

- **Program Updates**

Futures11 Conference

Frank Mezzanotte reminded members that the Futures11 Conference will be held on March 22nd at Harford Technical High School/Harford Community College from 8:00-11:00 am and that all are invited to attend. This year, all eleven workshops will be videotaped and the tapes will be given to principals to use with groups of students unable to attend this event.

Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Programs

LaVerne Pitts shared updated information on the middle and high school Project Lead the Way pre-engineering programs. The middle school program Gateway to Technology is currently being piloted at Havre de Grace and Southampton Middle Schools and will begin next year at Edgewood Middle School. The high school program Pathway to Engineering will be piloted at Aberdeen and C. Milton Wright High Schools next year. Grants are being secured to fund teacher training, equipment and supplies and a Program Advisory Committee has been established to review local labor market data, determine courses offered, identify equipment needs and identify additional resources.

CISCO Cyber Security

Frank Mezzanotte shared updated information on the high school CISCO Cyber Security program which will start at Harford Technical High School in the fall, 2013. Grants are being secured to fund teacher training, equipment and supplies and a Program Advisory Committee has been established to review local labor market data, determine courses offered, identify equipment needs and identify additional resources.

Biomedical Sciences

Sue Garrett shared updated information on the high school Biomedical Sciences program. Currently offered at Bel Air High School, the program will start at a second site at Havre de Grace High School in fall, 2013. Grants are being secured to fund teacher training, equipment and supplies and a Program Advisory Committee has been established to review local labor market data, determine courses offered, identify equipment needs and identify additional resources.

Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences

Sue Garrett shared updated information on the magnet program at North Harford High School. A revised program proposal which included three articulated agreements with Harford Community College was submitted to MSDE for approval.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- April 24- A dialogue with Mr. William Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, regarding the development of an implementation plan for the Council's annual recommendations to the Board of Education
- May 29- Carl D. Perkins grant application

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 24, 2012**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.