

HARFORD COUNTY  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**April 3, 2019**

**8:00-10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

L. J. Baker, Katie Campbell, Joseph Collins, Jeanne Donlick, Karen Goodison, Hannah Hartsock, Robert Limpert, Joe Ricci, Dave Thomey, Stacie Umbarger

The meeting was called to order at 8:10.

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Administrative Matters**

The agenda and the minutes from the March 19 meeting were reviewed, and a motion was made by Dave Thomey to approve the minutes and Joe Ricci second the motion. Minutes were approved.

- **Welcome and HSEP Update**

Mr. Limpert welcomed everyone and introduced L. J. Baker who was attending the meeting on behalf of Kelly Koermer from Harford Community College. Mr. Baker talked a little bit about his background and what he does at Harford Community College.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is one of our signature programs and is currently at Joppatowne High School. The uniqueness about the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program is that it was the first in the State to develop a specialized program in Homeland Security. It was really in response to the events of 9/11. We developed the model and it was adopted by MSDE. So, the program that is in other counties in the state of Maryland is our program that they purchased from us. It was thanks to Frank Mezzanotte who with the support of Federal grants got the program up and running. It is exclusive to Joppatowne High School. There was discussion four or five years ago when renovations were being discussed at Joppatowne High School about expanding it and creating it as one of the Magnet options. Those discussions ended quickly when Barry Glassman became the County Executive. He made the decision that Harford County would only be tackling one project at a time and we were already heavily involved in Youth's Benefit with Havre de Grace High on the books to be next and Joppatowne as the third one. So, money got pulled for Havre de Grace and Joppatowne. Now that Havre de Grace is underway with a completion date of 2020, they are starting to look at Joppatowne again, but it is looking like it is going to be an update more than a renovation.

Every year there is a professional development/conference every year at Fredrick Community College for Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. We have teachers that participate in it every year and is an instructor for the state. Fredrick Community College is the big community college partner for Homeland Security which isn't very convenient for our students. We do currently have an articulation agreement with Harford Community College for student that finish our program with a B or better are eligible to apply for articulated credit

for the Introduction to Criminal Justice course. It is a little different than our program. We have three different pathways in the Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness program. Which is the GIS pathway, Administration pathway, and the third one is Homeland Security Sciences pathway. Every year they do a capstone evening event where the students are recognized. Seniors are called up on stage and receive a cord for completing the Homeland Security Program and then they go to the gym and they do their capstone. It is all about the kids and very well done. If you get an opportunity to come and see it or any of the capstone presentations, please do so. We will send out the dates with the minutes from this meeting.

- **CTE Grant/Reserve update**

We submitted the reserve grants April 1, 2019. This year we submitted six which is two more than last year. One of the grants was to expand and update some of the opportunities in the Cyber Security program which is here at Harford Tech. We also did an update and expand opportunities grant for the Interactive Media and Production program at Patterson Mill High school to add more laptops and upgrade the software. We submitted 3 ten thousand-dollar grants for professional development. And, the last one was for increasing enrollment in CTE so that we can bring back our CTE Night. We should hear from the State sometime in late April or early May whether we will receive all of them and where they are for the full amount or a portion of them.

An update with our current Oracle grant. Mr. Limpert had a meeting with the Superintendent and most of Leadership to discuss Havre de Grace High School and the magnet program. After a lengthy discussion and an explanation of where the Computer Science concept came from because Dr. Bulson was not part of the original discussions. Showing them the Labor Market research from the Susquehanna Workforce Network. The decision has been made to start back up. So, we will be requesting an extension on the Oracle Professional Development Grant so that we can get started training our teachers this Summer and have the program ready to go when the new Havre de Grace High School opens in 2020.

- **CAC Charge for 2019-2020**

Each year we develop a charge which is simply what direction our CAC is going to go for the following school year. Last year we looked at expanding programs and enrollment. That is pretty much the two key components we must do for Perkins. Perkins data requires us to look at and evaluate programs on a regular basis for enrollment and performance. These are the two components that must stay. Beyond that if anyone on the committee has something that they are passionate about and would like us to pursue. Let us know and we can investigate it.

Working on apprenticeships were discussed as something to expand and include more students that are in CTE programs. As well as possibility of expanding the AHP program and adding a Criminal Justice program. Mr. Limpert also mention that he feels that we should also continue to investigate the Distribution and Logistics program.

- **CAC Application/seats for 2019-2022**

We currently have five individuals whose terms are up at the end of this year. If you are interested in staying on for another term just let us know. Mr. Limpert said he would contact the others that were not at the meeting and ask them ask well. Due to our seat compacity we can take up to two more applicates if everybody re ups and we have two applicates that have

come in. Stacy Umbarger and Dave Thomey both said they would like to stay on for another term. Karen Goodison said she will let Mr. Limpert know at the next meeting.

The two application that have come in are both from the Financial area. Diane Moore and a Kirstie Durr. Diane Moore is the PR specialist for HARCO. She is very active and sits on our Academy of Finance Board. Mr. Limpert proposes that we welcome them both on board unless anyone has reservations about either of them. If you have a reservation about either one of them, please just email Mr. Limpert.

- **MSDE Monitoring Visit Reflection**

The monitoring visit was on March 25 in the Cobra Cove. We were in the morning and HCC was in the afternoon. It went very well based on all the informal feedback. We will receive formal feedback from MSDE in a few weeks. The team that was put together did a fabulous job with their answers to the questions that were asked. So well in fact that there were no follow up questions.

- **CAC BOE Report Reflection**

Board of Education presentation was also on March 25. Our presentation went very well. We only had two question from the board. One about Wastewater Management and Mr. Limpert talked briefly about that and the other one was about expanding something to Fallston. Mr. Limpert was able to tell them that we were already in the process of adding a Pre-Engineering program to Fallston High.

- **Open Dialogue**

Mr. Limpert commented that he would like us to explore the idea of doing a signing day for students. To recognize our students who have completed their CTE program and are going into their field of study. It's similar to when student make a commitment to a college. This has been a big push nationwide and we think we should include in our charge.

- **Closing Comments/Adjourn**

Mr. Limpert reminded everyone that our next meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2019. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22am.

Reminders: The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council on Career and Technology Education is scheduled for **Thursday, May 30, 2019**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Cobra's Cove, Harford Technical High School.

\*Inclement weather policy: if schools are delayed or closed the meeting will be canceled.