



Secondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) Task Force Meeting Notes

June 26, 2014

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

DMACC Southridge Center, Des Moines, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karrie Abbott; Mary Bontrager (afternoon); Matt Bruinekool; Josh Byrnes; Dave Bunting; Greg Dufoe; Murray Fenn; Scott Fortune; Jerry Kearns; Dana Lampe; D.T. Magee; Kathy Nacos-Burds; Dave Palmer, Julie Rosin; Brian Schoenjahn; Edward Wallace; Jeff Weld; Pradeep Kotamraju; Jeremy Varner (morning); and Eric St. Clair. Rebecca Griglione took notes.

AGENDA ITEM: Introduction and Plan for the Day

Expected Outcome	Leads	Follow-up
	Pradeep Kotamraju/Dave Bunting	

Notes: After task force members introduced themselves, Kotamraju and Bunting provided an overview of the day.

AGENDA ITEM: Status Report on CTE Task Force Activities

Expected Outcome	Lead	Follow-up
Provide members an update on work teams.	Pradeep Kotamraju	

Notes: Kotamraju began the discussion with the four focus questions (attachment provided). The group needs to come up with a strategy of how to go about recommendations for the legislature: piecemeal or lump sum?

Kotamraju provided an overview of the organization, operation, and the outcomes of the task force. A PowerPoint slide presentation (attachment provided) was used. The discussion that ensued was around the following: (a) the opportune time for submitting recommendations – piecemeal or as a lump sum package; (b) the imperative requires being bold and forceful about constructing the CTE of the future; (c) making sure that whatever the task force recommends does not compete with STEM or CORE, but be seen as complementary; and (d) target the request based on outcomes and not on a funding overhaul.

AGENDA ITEM: Components of High Quality CTE: A Business Perspective

Expected Outcome	Lead	Follow-up
Detailing out the components of high quality CTE.	Scott Fortune	Provide a list of frequently used acronyms. Provide a list of the secondary CTE programs in the state and the districts providing each.

Notes: The discussion began with business representatives of the task force. Two videos highlighted the need to build partnerships between the high school and business, but keeping that partnership student-focused. Additionally, the messaging needed to devolve to the lower grades

The discussion then broadened to other members of the task force, who focused on opportunities as well as barriers to high quality CTE. Items addressed included equal access (i.e., rural versus urban; alignment with industry standards; qualified teachers; safety and productivity; liability regarding business visits; teacher externships; information and transportation as a barrier to CTE learning; branding and marketing; and receiving academic and industry-based credential even before entering postsecondary.)

AGENDA ITEM: The CTE Task Force Share Point Site

Expected Outcome	Lead	Follow-up
Provide an opportunity for members to connect with one another electronically.	Trudie Percy	

SHAREPOINT presentation by Trudie Percy of the Iowa Department of Education, Community Colleges Division.

AGENDA ITEM: Broader Discussion on the Four Focus Questions

Expected Outcome	Lead	Follow-up
Actively engage members in addressing.	Task Force Members	

Notes: The Des Moines Public Schools CTE Best Practices document (attachment provided) was the starting point in the discussion. The intent was to use the Best Practices document to begin a broader discussion on the elements one might want to include when considering high quality CTE programs. There was discussion about trade-offs between high quality and being relevant, but being relevant could mean different things to different stakeholders businesses, students, educators etc. Also, the discussion turned to how crucial was CTE exposure in high school and exploring different areas of CTE as part of their high school program. There was also discussion about the merit of having a sequence of CTE courses. The four focus questions will be further refined as the task force work proceeds.

At the next meeting, planning for Year 1 recommendations will begin.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.