

## Education Advisory Group Meeting

(Northwest Michigan Youth Council, Adult Learning Collaborative Board)

Monday, December 8, 2014

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; followed by social hour, dinner, and meeting  
with the full board of Networks Northwest.

*Hagerty Center  
Great Lakes Campus, Northwestern Michigan College  
715 E. Front Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684*

*The Northwest Michigan Education Advisory Group (EAG) is a committee of the Northwest Michigan Workforce Development Board. The purpose of the EAG is to assist the Workforce Development Board in its role of strategic leadership for all workforce programming in the ten-county region.  
The EAG's focus is educational and training programs, for youth and for adults.*

Board members in attendance: Dave Adams, Jeff Jennette, Leslie Nowlin, Dave Cox, Gretchen Spedowske; Patti Gabos; Sue Decamillis; Jason Jeffrey; Ken Bollman; Ed Bailey; Kelly Smith  
Others in attendance: Jim Tisdell; Leland X; Rich Wolin; Christy Nelson; Lisa Anderson; Jennifer Hains;

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Jeffrey at 3:34 a.m.
2. Approval of Agenda (Action required)
  - a. Amend to move Presentation by Harbor Springs High School by item #5.
  - b. Motion by: Kelly Smith second by: Ken Bollman *Approved*
3. Public Comment
  - a. No public comment
4. Approval of August 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes (Action required)
  - a. Motion by: Kelly Smith second by: Jeff Jennette *Approved*
5. Presentation: Harbor Springs High School– *Creating a Desirable Michigan*
  - a. 14 Honors Seminar students (juniors and seniors) from Harbor Springs High School participated in a challenge-based learning project this semester. Their challenge was to research and find solutions to several workforce issues – the skills and careers gap. Teams of these students worked together to prepare five solutions, which were presented to the EAG.

b. The five solutions are:

- i. Technology Literacy for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students;
- ii. *A Fair Michigan*: offer job fairs for internships throughout the school year;
- iii. Expand Early College programs;
- iv. *Great Lakes Guarantee*: student loan relief;
- v. *Field of Dreams Fund*: investment in entrepreneurs.

After their presentation, the students answered questions from EAG members.

6. Updates:

- a. Video Contest: Need help in promoting
- b. MMA Talent Summit: Dave Cox
- c. Adult Education grants – role of EAG – this discussion will be held at the next meeting

7. Discussion: Community College Skilled Trades Equipment grant

- a. Opportunity for grant funds from Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- b. NMC is applying for equipment funds to support its IT, Allied Health, and Advanced Manufacturing programs.
- c. The EAG agreed that the group will issue a Letter of support for any community college in the region requesting funds.

8. 2015 Calendar of Meetings

- a. Motion by: Jeff Jennete; Second by Leslie Nowlin *Approved*

9. Adjourn

*Please join the board of Networks Northwest for a holiday social hour from 4:30 to 5:00, dinner from 5:00 to 5:30, and the full board meeting from 5:30 to 7:00. The board will be discussing potential indicators to use in measuring regional prosperity and progress in improving quality of life.*