

MICHIGAN WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

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The latest news, views, and announcements

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TRANSITION UPDATES

The Center for Collaborative Programs housed within the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) is on track to transition to the new 501c (3) organization, Michigan Workforce Training and Education Collaborative (MWTEC), July 1, 2023. The Articles of Incorporation have been submitted and accepted by the State of Michigan.

During the December 2022 transitional board meeting the by-laws and charter were adopted, then formally submitted to the MCCA. In December the MCCA Executive Committee approved the transitional plan.

The following individuals will serve on the transitional board's Executive Committee: Scott Ward, Board Chair; Barb Wieszcieski, Vice-Chair; Adriana Phelan, Treasurer, and Amy Lee, Secretary.

The transitional board will meet February 3, 2023 at 4:00PM to review mid-year outcomes and planning for the next program year including legislative priorities and budget forecasts for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

A website is in development and is scheduled to go live July 1, 2023. All EPiC Consortium programs, along with the EPiC student registration system will be supported on the website. The website can be found at www.mwtec.org.

Meeting requests have gone out to EPiC Consortium advisory board members to schedule one-on-one meetings with their college president to discuss the transition and answer any questions they may have with Dr. Amy Lee and the transitional Board Chair, Scott Ward.





Mission, Vision, and Purpose

The mission of the MWTEC is to empower education and training providers to support employer workforce talent needs through comprehensive collaborative solutions.

The vision is to serve as Michigan's central resource for collaborative employer aligned education and training that ensures achievement of the state's economic and education goals.

The purpose of the Michigan Workforce Training and Education Collaborative (MWTEC) is to partner with employers and their representative associations, Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), Michigan Works Association (MWA), Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), Michigan Department of Education (MDE), public universities and other relevant stakeholder agencies/organizations to establish or expand collaborative educational and training partnership opportunities.

Expanding opportunity across the State of Michigan provides residents access to training or education in a desired career field due to limited availability in their community. This ensures equitable access for all citizens of Michigan for career pathway education and training, leading to high paying jobs with advancement opportunity.

GRANT UPDATES

Strengthening Community College

The SCC grant has been used to develop curriculum for five (5) EPiC healthcare programs and cover the wages for the first year for two (2) program directors.

Apprenticeship Building America

AMCAI Hub partners will collaborate with Sponsors to co-design pre-apprenticeship programs that include basic technical and soft skills and lead to enrollment in a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP).

The partnership will cover the costs of hiring of two contract positions to assist with collaborative workforce program development.

- Dr. Dennis Bona will serve as the Director for Workforce Education. Dr. Bona has over 35 years' experience in higher education and served as a Michigan community college president for several years before transitioning to a presidency in Minnesota.
- Sue Merica has been hired to support the development of an account payable and receivable system to ensure accurate accounts of all EPiC programs revenue and expenses to ensure accurate reporting to EPiC partners and grant funders.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

The Collaborative has been asked to participate in three NSF grants (\$160 million each). All three grant proposals have been submitted and we will be notified of acceptance in the Summer 2023.

Nursing Expansion Grant

The State of Michigan will provide \$80,000 for the Collaborative to support entry level nursing education laddering to Registered Nursing programs.

EPiC Consortium Outcomes (2011-

Participating Colleges:

5 community colleges in 2011 to 11 in 2022 (6 additional colleges joined in 2023!)

Graduates: 351

Currently Enrolled: 69

Graduates with Jobs: 99%

Program Tuition Collected:

\$2,157,000

Tuition Revenue-sharing:

\$190,116

EPiC Consortium Highlights (2022)

- Added 4 new collaborative programs utilizing the Strengthening Community College grant
- Launched the first Michigan AAS apprenticeship in healthcare
- Added 3 new apprenticeable occupations to the USDOL registry
- Supported the implementation of the EV Jobs Academy
- Facilitated curriculum restructuring for Certified Nursing Assistant with LARA and community college partners

EPiC Partner Message

Adding the consortium programs at SMC has allowed us to expand our healthcare programs further than ever imagined. Both our students and employers are already reaping the benefits of the consortium programs. - Melissa Kennedy, Dean of Nursing and Health Services, Southwestern Michigan College

EPiC HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

The EPiC Consortium continues to support education in MRI, CT, EEG and Surgical Technology. The Surgical Technology program is an apprenticeship model that pays students 40 hours a week and covers the cost of the entire associate degree program. The feedback from employers has been so positive, the Consortium partners have been asked to extend this opportunity to additional employers across the State of Michigan.

New programs that will launch in the fall semester are Cardiovascular Technology, Anesthesia Technology, Radiography, and Medical Assistant. Additional programs have been presented to the EPiC Consortium Advisory Council from Oakland Community College in the field of Library Services and Technology, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Firefighter Technology. All interested Community Colleges are encouraged to contact Dr. Amy Lee alee@mcca.org.



EV JOBS ACADEMY

The EV Jobs Academy is an employer-led collaborative comprised of over 100 stakeholder partners to identify the electrified vehicle and mobility-related occupational skill needs while developing and scaling postsecondary credentialing programs utilizing a turn-key online shared learning platform for the 32 colleges and universities statewide represented by the Michigan Occupation Deans Administrative Council (MODAC).

The Collaborative is working with multiple community colleges to identify employer needs to develop collaborative workforce programs that align with Michigan's future workforce in EV and battery technology. The training and programs will be supported through the EPiC Consortium Manufacturing and Mobility Center and taught through a shared learning management system. Dr. Dennis Bona dbona@mwtec.org will serve as the Director for the

MESSAGE FROM THE TRANSITIONAL BOARD CHAIR

One of my favorite quotes is "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." from Helen Keller. I am excited for the opportunities of MWTEC to show through collaboration we can do so much to drive Michigan forward.