

# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Committee: Accountability

Date of Meeting: 4/7/09

Committee Chairs: Helen Merkins & Kathy Wilkins

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Please list the topics/issues discussed to update the Board of Directors on the committee's work

1. Lisa Hudson with National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and Stephanie Cronen, a contractor for NCES presented on the NCES and the CTE statistics within the site. NCES use to gather data from states, however now they use national survey samples. While NCES does not do a survey specifically for CTE students, they use questions or data embedded in the surveys to provide the CTE information. NCES has written 22 reports on CTE since 1999. A list of these reports is in the handouts.

Stephanie walked the group through the website. One of the most useful features is a button that allows CTE advocates to sign up for email alerts to new CTE data being posted. The CTE specific reports are in one section on their website.

Lisa also discussed the Education Reform and NCES. Handout 3 discusses the tables in NCES that address this and pages 9-13 of the PowerPoint go over this topic.

2. Jim Schoelkopf from MPR Associates, Inc. gave an update on the Next Steps Work Group (NSWG). Jim has been managing this project since MPR took over in October. He also gave an update on the chairs for secondary, postsecondary and Tech Prep. These contacts can be found in the handout. Jim noted three subcommittees that have been formed to address accountability issues.
  - PCRN Survey – performed a survey of PCRN for OVAE. The feedback has resulted in a flurry of work being performed on the site and is worth a look for those that have not seen it in a while.
  - Ethnicity issues – The 1997 race and ethnicity standards have created some concerns. Secondary and postsecondary are on different implementation time tables for the new standards. The subgroup is working to provide OVAE with suggestions to allow each to proceed and meet their projected deadlines at their own pace.
  - Technical Skill Assessment – This committee is a carryover from the previous year. Recent calls have indicated the group is going back to issues that were covered last year. John Fischer from Vermont brought up the need for a meeting before Friday to review and perhaps revise the postsecondary recommendations going to OVAE.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Please list the items that the Board of Directors may need to take action on related to the committee's work.

1. Perhaps we could recommend the NCES site be reviewed by Kim and her staff for information that may be of help for the fall NASDCTEc meeting and for states.
2. NASDCTEc may be able to provide additional Technical Skill Assessment recommendations to OVAE.