Call To Order
Mr. Chris Standerford called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm ET.

The following members were present:
Glen Ackerman-Behr
Jim Bobula
Samantha Cameron
Cindy Carter
Roy Del Valle
Emily Gochis
Geralyn Narkweicz
Ashley Nevins
Steven Martin
Michael Mulligan
Shawn Kolbus
Luke Siebert
Chris Standerford
Brian Sarvello
Tammy Rutledge
Mark Massicotte
Kevin St. Onge
Cassy Teft De Munoz
Beth Louise Virtanen

The following members were absent:
Tony Retaskie
Paul Harvey
Stu Bradley
Jo Anne Lussier
The following resources were present:
Vicki Schwab
Debb Brunell
Steve Gillotte

The following guests were present:
Tim Hyde
Holly Peoples
Darren Widder

- Public Comment
  There were no public comments.

- Approval of Agenda
  A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda of March 9, 2021.

- Approval of Minutes
  A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021.

- New Business
  a) Breakout Rooms
     The CEAC group entered several breakout rooms and discussed a career-related graphic and did some brainstorming.

  b) Perkins Plan
     No update. There have been a lot of changes.

  c) Career Exploration Events Discussion
     Ms. Debb Brunell discussed the $5,000 available for the CEAC to support events and incentivize our work on career exploration events. The highlights of the requirements of the funding available were explained including, but not limited to: multiple, local in-demand businesses and/or industries must be present at the event, an overview of each industry and their key in-demand positions is required, information on educational requirements for in-demand positions, and a form to complete after the event.

  d) SAE Grant
     The CEAC in conjunction with Upper Peninsula Michigan Works was successful in being awarded the State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant. The requirement is 200 apprentices in a 2 year period and the award was
$550,000. The role of the CEAC/Regional Implementation Consortia is vital for support of the SAE Grant. The role of the CEAC was discussed. They were asked for letters of support and to reach out to business partners to refer apprentice candidates. This was a big accomplishment for the CEAC to receive this grant funding. Congratulations to all!

e) Young Professionals Grant
The Young Professionals Grant was explained. The new program no longer only focuses on summer paid work experience, but expands further. UPMW! plans to serve 20 WIOA-eligible participants, ages 14-24 at 15 worksites. A program outline was given. The program goal is to increase in-demand occupation awareness, prepare young adults for the workforce, and reduce young adult unemployment.

f) MiREACH Grant (Rural Health Care)
This grant is for training in health care careers. The CEAC role is to participate in alliance efforts, enroll candidates in training, refer candidates, build communication strategies admissions/upmw, and get programs on MiTC.

• Old Business
  a) CEAC Membership
Expanding business/industry representation was discussed. There is a need for more representation from businesses on the CEAC. The ask of the CEAC was to provide one name of an industry professional that you know is passionate about education, working with our k-16 institutions, and career exploration. Please send the names to Mr. Chris Standerford, CEAC Chair.

  b) Subcommittee Breakout Rooms
The CEAC subcommittees broke out into their groups to discuss ongoing subcommittee work.

• Next Meeting
May 18, 2021 at 2:00 pm ET.

• Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm ET.