

**SD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
**Regular Quarterly Meeting**  
**April 28, 2011**

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| A. Call to Order                      | Warren Lotsberg    |               |
| B. Roll Call                          | Kari Porch         |               |
| C. Approval of Minutes                | Warren Lotsberg    |               |
| D. Director's Report                  | Bill Molseed       |               |
| E. New Business                       |                    |               |
| 1. Department of Labor and Regulation | Dawn Dovre         |               |
| 2. Dakota Seeds                       | Ann Gesick-Johnson | <b>Action</b> |
| 3. Budget and Funding Proposals       | Bill Molseed       | <b>Action</b> |
| 4. NCRC Update                        | Marcia Hultman     |               |
| a. Work Ready                         |                    |               |
| b. Molded Fiberglass                  |                    |               |
| 5. Board of Regents Update            | Paul Gough         |               |
| 6. SD Health Education Center         | Amy Jacobsen       |               |
| F. Adjournment                        |                    |               |

**AGENDA ITEM A      CALL TO ORDER**

The South Dakota Workforce Development Council (WDC) met in Pierre in Kneip Conference Room # 3 on April 28, 2011. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Lotsberg at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

**AGENDA ITEM B                      ROLL CALL**

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Warren Lotsberg, Chairman	Grady Kickul	Roland Benson
Cal Geis	Tom Bohnet	Helen Wegner
Ann Gesick-Johnson	Mark Wilson	Paul Gough
D. J. Mertens	Randy Hanson	Pam Roberts
Shelley Stingley		

Members Absent

Pat Lund, Vice-Chairwoman	Sarah Folsland	Wally Myers
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Others Present

Bill Molseed	Kari Porch	John Anderson
Amy Jacobson	Brock Rops	Deb Halling
Andy Szilvasi	Marcia Hultman	

**AGENDA ITEM C                      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cal Geis made a motion to approve the January 6, 2011, minutes. Helen Wegner seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

**AGENDA ITEM D                      DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Typically we hold council meetings early in the month. April is our meeting where we consider budgets and funding programs. We delayed the meeting a few weeks this month since we didn’t have final figures for our Workforce Investment Act (WIA) or Adult and Education Literacy (AEL) budgets. Normally we have this information in January or February. We still don’t have final figures for the WIA or AEL budgets.

Congress couldn’t agree on a budget for this current year, and has yet to start serious talks on funding for the coming year. During our January meeting, we talked about the continuing resolutions (CR) that allow the federal government to keep running when they cannot come to terms on a budget. We have had six continuations since October. The last resolution was scheduled to expire at midnight on April 8. Both parties were prepared to shut down government if they couldn’t come to some agreement and then blame

each other. Late night compromises did allow for a budget bill to be passed and was signed by the president.

This bill had significant budget cuts, \$38 billion. Some were specific line item reductions or total elimination of programs. However, much was left to the respective federal agencies to determine how the balance of reductions would be handled. The bill gives agencies wide authority over the final spending levels for programs within their jurisdiction, unless those programs were specifically mentioned in the text of the bill. Agencies will be bound by the top-level dollar figures in their program accounts. Federal agencies have 30 days after April 15 to submit their spending plans to Congress. The true extent of cuts made to federal education, employment and training programs not specifically mentioned in the CR will be unknown until spending plans are released.

At least we are now talking about a budget for us to begin our planning. The first House bill had zero-funded WIA programs, thereby eliminating the program. The compromise bill that was passed provides funding for this current year and through September 2011. The FY 2012 budget talks have yet to come to any indication as to what is likely to happen after September.

What we know now:

All discretionary programs will receive an across-the-board reduction of 0.2 percent. This may not seem like much but any cut reduces the amount available to the formula that funds state programs. In addition to the across-the-board reduction, the WIA programs will be cut at least 10 percent. These are the employment and training services to adults, youth and dislocated workers at the local level.

The Governors Reserve, known as the state set-aside, received a 66 percent cut. Set-aside funds provide for administration, MIS system for required fiscal and participant reporting, and provide funds for successful programs as Dakota Corps scholarships and Dakota Roots. These are two programs we are very proud of and thousands of individuals have benefited from these services. Other specific training programs have been funded with the set-aside resource such as training programs for healthcare, manufacturing and building trades, and also helped to support career camps for high school students. Funds from this resource have been directed to the technical institutes, state universities and local training centers such as the Regional Technical Education (RTEC) and North Eastern Work and Technical Educational Center (NewTec).

As Congress examines further cuts and consolidation of workforce programs for the next program year, we are concerned the 10 percent cut and the reduction to the state set-aside represent just the first installment of cuts affecting state workforce agencies.

For the AEL funding we were somewhat pleased to see neither party wanted to reduce this funding by much, if at all. AEL was not a line item in the funding bill, so the final call is left to the federal Department of Education to determine which of their programs will take reductions in order to meet their overall spending limitation. We still don't have any estimates for AEL as we do for WIA. It is assumed we will have up to a 10 percent reduction, but that is yet unclear.

Other Labor programs fared much better. Wagner-Peyser, our base labor exchange service through our network of local offices, will have a small reduction. Unemployment Insurance (UI) will see some additional funds coming their way. That is great news for UI which has seen a couple of tough years. With Secretary Roberts' leadership and that of the Unemployment Advisory board, South Dakota faced the challenge and made some very difficult decisions that kept our UI programs solvent and one of the best in the nation.

#### Some Good news

While both the job openings and the job openings rate trended upward since the official end of the recession, both remain below their pre-recession levels. The number of weekly initial unemployment claims has been slowly declining for several months. Overall, the number of workers receiving unemployment insurance benefits fell slightly.

<u>March Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Nation	9.7	8.8
South Dakota	5.1	4.9

Although there has been minimal fluctuation in the state unemployment rate during the past several months, the state labor force has continued to expand for the past several months. Over the year, South Dakota's current total labor force in March 2011 is up by 5,500 workers compared to the level in March 2010. The largest number of jobs were added within the educational and health services sector (1,400 workers or 2.2 percent); retail trade (900 workers or 1.9 percent); manufacturing (900 workers or 2.5 percent); and professional and business services (900 workers or 3.4 percent). The number of job openings received by Labor increased 13.2 percent over the last year (58,000-66,000). All signs of economic improvement.

#### Other Items

We have a series of training sessions planned over the next couple of months for our local delivery staff. In May we will be providing training on the updates to our policies and procedures. We will focus on the services available to business and eligible individuals. This is very important as we work with shrinking budgets. What can we provide that holds value? We have many

intensive services costing little other than staff time that benefit the job seeker. These include services as career guidance and planning, Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) classes, National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) and job development. The training services remain available to eligible individuals who struggle with employment after the provision of the intensive services. The training will emphasize what mix of services is appropriate.

In June we will hold another training which supports the May training but will be directed to the WIA evaluation conducted by Social Policy Research. This is the organization that presented at our January meeting. This is the study to learn the impact training has on similar situated groups of WIA participants. This study will allow most of our participants to receive all services with a small percentage receiving only the core and/or intensive services.

## **AGENDA ITEM E      NEW BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM E1      DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND REGULATION**

DLR Public Affairs Director Dawn Dovre provided information on the reorganization of the department.

Governor Dennis Daugaard signed an executive order to eliminate the Department of Labor and create the Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) on January 12, 2011. The specific programs included in the transfer include:

- Division of Banking
- Division of Insurance
- Division of Securities
- Banking Commission
- Real Estate Commission
- Abstracters' Board of Examiners
- Appraisers Certification Program

The reorganization became statutorily effective on April 12, 2011.

During the month of April, the executive team met to create a vision, mission and strategic goals for DLR. The mission for DLR is to promote economic opportunity and financial security for individuals and businesses through quality, responsive and expert services; fair and equitable employment solutions; and safe and sound business practices.

The Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR):

- Assists employers with workforce and employment-related needs;
- Helps people with job placement and career transition services;

- Ensures fair employment practices;
- Handles human rights issues and labor contract mediations;
- Administers the State's unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems;
- Provides sound state-chartered and licensed financial institutions;
- Sets rules and procedures to ensure investments sold in South Dakota meet standards of full disclosure, including securities products, franchises and business opportunities; and
- Regulates and licenses the insurance industry in South Dakota to serve and protect consumers, companies and producers.

## **AGENDA ITEM E2     DAKOTA SEEDS**

Ann Gesick-Johnson, Department of Tourism and State Development, provided information on 36 businesses applying for funding through Dakota Seeds for internships and assistantships. She requested approval for Dakota Seeds to provide funding to these businesses.

H.F. Webster in Rapid City provides solutions in aluminum fabrication, joining and processing. They are looking for one intern to do technical drawing and modeling. Two engineering interns will work on research as it relates to friction stir welding. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns at a total of \$6,000.

Rock Hard Systems, Inc. in Sioux Falls develops software for the professional trucking industry. They are looking for three interns to write software for the company. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

South Dakota Sports Buzz, LLC in Rapid City is a website that delivers local sports information for South Dakota. They are looking for two interns who will work to connect the website and database to provide sports information to viewers. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two internships for a total of \$4,000.

Linda's Garden in Chester is a vegetable producer for farmers' markets. They are looking for a horticulture intern who will work on measuring their outputs from high tunnels. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Sancom Inc. in Mitchell is a telecommunications firm serving the Mitchell area. They are looking for two interns to install the technology for their customers. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns at \$4,000.

Cleaner Greener Energies in Sioux Falls provides wind and solar energy generation systems to small consumers. They are looking for three interns

to work with designing and installing the renewable energy products. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

Hubda Family Produce in Mission Hill is a produce farmer. They sell their products on site and at a farmers' market. They are looking for a horticulture intern to assist with the establishment of good agricultural practices. They are also looking for a food scientist that would establish protocols so their products could be used locally for nutrition services. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

MASABA in Vermillion designs and manufactures bulk handling equipment for the mining industry. They are seeking two mechanical engineers to do design work for their product line. Dakota Roots recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

CHR Solutions in Mitchell provides consulting and IT managed services to rural telecomm companies. They would like two interns to develop software for use by their customers. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

Four Front Design in Rapid City is a design firm that provides services in architecture, and various engineering and GIS services. They are seeking a landscape architect intern, an architectural intern and a civil engineer intern to work on design projects in their respective areas. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

CAPITAL Cards Services, Inc. in Sioux Falls is a credit card portfolio management company. They would like a software developer to create and maintain software for their business processes. They would also like a statistician to do data analyses for forecasting losses and financials. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

Premier Source in Brookings is an engineering firm whose primary market is manufacturers. They are looking for two engineering students to work on design and production processes. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

Buhler Industries in Salem manufactures grain augers. They are looking for an engineering intern to work on updating current or develop new products. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Polaris Industries in Vermillion serves as the distribution center for Polaris parts and accessories. They are looking for one intern who will work on inventory control and analysis. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Lankota Group in Huron manufactures a variety of different products among four different divisions. A manufacturing engineer would work on streamlining their processes and develop new product lines. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Black Hills Nanosystems in Rapid City designs, fabricates and tests micro-electro-mechanical systems. They would like five engineering students to work in all facets of their business. Dakota Seeds recommends funding five interns for a total of \$10,000.

Bell Inc. in Sioux Falls is a manufacturer of folding cartons for food and non-food industries. They would like a packaging engineer intern to work on design, lay-out, and sample generation. A graphics intern would work on preparing electronic files for customer review and production. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

3M in Aberdeen manufactures respirators, furnace filters and adhesive tapes. They are looking for an intern who will work on ergonomic assessments and implementing safety initiatives. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Mabee Eye Clinic in Mitchell is an optometric clinic. They are seeking an intern to work as an optician for the summer. Dakota Seeds recommends denying funding as the application is medical in nature and NSF funds cannot be used.

Clark Engineering in Brookings and Aberdeen is a multi-disciplined engineering company. The two positions in Aberdeen and one in Brookings would be providing design work as well as on-site inspection. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

Avalon Capital Group in North Sioux City is an investment company. They are seeking a graduate assistant who will conduct due diligence on investment projects. This application falls in a special category called innovation fellows which allow us to provide graduate assistance for companies who are working with entrepreneurs. Dakota Seeds recommends funding one graduate assistant at \$8,000.

POET Design and Construction in Sioux Falls works on developing cutting-edge ethanol plants to maximize the output from corn. They are looking for three mechanical engineers to assist with this work. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

POET in Sioux Falls is the main arm of POET. They are looking for three interns in the area of public policy, human resources and communications. Dakota Seeds recommends denying funding because they are providing



significant assistance to POET through their other subsidiaries and these positions are non-STEM positions.

POET Research in Sioux Falls does research on how to advance their biorefining capabilities. They are looking for five research and microbiology interns to assist with that research. Dakota Seeds recommends funding five interns for a total of \$10,000.

POET Nutrition in Sioux Falls is the arm of POET that manages the dried distillers grain. They are looking for one intern to do merchandising for their product. Dakota Seeds recommends denying funding because they are providing significant assistance to POET through their other subsidiaries and this position is a non-STEM position.

POET Plant Management in Sioux Falls provides management and expertise to the ethanol plants. They are looking for two engineering interns and an environment, health and safety intern. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

Secure Banking Solutions in Madison provides information security solutions to community banks and credit unions. They are looking for four interns and one graduate assistant to develop and test information technology for their mission. Dakota Seeds recommends funding four interns and a graduate assistant for a total of \$16,000.

DocuTap in Sioux Falls develops electronic medical record software. They are looking for two software developers to create cutting-edge products for their customers. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

South Dakota Discovery Center in Pierre is a hands-on science center. They are looking for an intern who will provide science education outreach through summer programs in communities in central South Dakota. A second intern will provide science lessons in-house. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

Sencore in Sioux Falls develops and manufactures cutting-edge electronic products. They are seeking two students as software and test engineer interns to assist with the development of new products. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

G&R Controls in Sioux Falls is a contractor, and science and service provider for energy management solutions. They would like a mechanical engineer to do design work to incorporate control systems in existing mechanical systems. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Kisado Fitness in Dakota Dunes is a martial arts fitness company. They are looking for a graduate assistant to work on the development, production and marking of their products. Dakota Seeds recommends denying funding because it does not meet the STEM requirement.

Caterpillar in Rapid City has a design center. They are looking for five students to fill design technician internships. Dakota Seeds recommends funding five interns for a total of \$10,000.

RESPECT in Rapid City is a consulting and engineering company. They are looking for three engineering students. Two will be working on aeromechanical analyses and the third will work on surface and groundwater hydrology. Dakota Seeds recommends funding three interns for a total of \$6,000.

Rosenbauer America in Lyons manufactures fire trucks. They are looking for two interns. The first will coordinate material usage for a new laser cutter. The second will work on materials storage system flow. Dakota Seeds recommends funding two interns for a total of \$4,000.

Wildcat Manufacturing in Freeman manufactures processing and screening equipment. They would like a mechanical engineer to work in the design department to assist with the conceptualization and documentation of parts. Dakota Seeds recommends funding an intern at \$2,000.

Trail King Industries in Mitchell manufactures specialty trailers. They are looking for five interns to work in their design department. Dakota Seeds recommends funding five interns for a total of \$10,000.

Grady Kickul made a motion to approve the recommendations made by Dakota Seeds. Cal Geis seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

### **AGENDA ITEM E3      BUDGET AND FUNDING PROPOSALS**

Bill Molseed provided information on the budget and funding proposals.

Providers of the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) will no longer be funded under contract with the DLR. They will operate through a fee for service. DLR will continue to promote the NCRC. They have provided training for three profilers.

With the funding uncertainty at the congressional level, Bill asked the council's approval to postpone the budget and funding decisions until a

later date. A special meeting will be called when DLR has a better idea of the funding available. The council approved the postponement.

Adult and Education Literacy programs impacted by funding decisions:

- Cornerstones Career Learning Center in Aberdeen, Huron and Mitchell
- Career Learning Center of the Black Hills in Brookings, Madison, Rapid City and Watertown
- The Right Turn in Pierre
- Women's Prison in Pierre
- Department of Correction in Sioux Falls
- Lutheran Social Services in Sioux Falls
- SD State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls
- Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls
- Mike Durfee State Penitentiary in Springfield
- Southeast Job Link in Yankton

#### **AGENDA ITEM E4 NCRC UPDATE**

Marcia Hultman, DLR Deputy Secretary, provided an update on the NCRC programs. The NCRC is a valuable tool for South Dakota's workforce. More than 1,000 South Dakotans have received the certificate with levels that rank considerably higher than those nationwide.

- Platinum certificates (the highest level of certificate) were issued to 2.3 percent of South Dakotans compared to 0.4 percent nationwide.
- Gold certificates were issued to 47 percent of South Dakotans compared to 19 percent nationwide.
- Silver certificates were issued to 44 percent of South Dakotans compared to 54 percent nationwide.
- Bronze certificates were issued to 6.4 percent of South Dakotans compared to 27 percent nationwide.

DLR is working with the Watertown community on a pilot program. The program will provide Watertown with the necessary tools to become a Certified Work Ready Community. A Certified Work Ready Community has a competitive advantage because they can qualify a skilled workforce to an existing employer or a new business. A Certified Work Ready Community must meet the following requirements:

- 3 percent of the existing workforce must be credentialed with CRCs;
- 25 percent of the available workforce must be Career Readiness Certified;

- Either a minimum of 85 percent graduation rate or 82 percent of high school seniors with Career Readiness Certificates.

Lake Area Technical Institute is requiring all their students to take the NCRC.

If the pilot program works in Watertown, it will be expanded to other communities in South Dakota.

DLR TANF Administrator Andy Szilvasi provided information on the Molded Fiber Glass Company in Aberdeen. Molded Fiber Glass is a premier partner in the NCRC program. They are a wind blade manufacturer that has utilized North Eastern Work and Technical Education Center (New Tec, Inc.). New Tec has been funded for Certified Composites Training (CCT) through the State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) grant administered by DLR.

Molded Fiber Glass employees are taking the three NCRC assessments and two additional WorkKeys® assessments, teamwork and observation. If remediation is needed they will utilize KeyTrain® at Cornerstones Career Learning Center.

Molded Fiber Glass is working to have all their jobs profiled. Once profiling is completed, all profiled occupations will be announced as required to have the NCRC with the other two programs as prerequisite.

## **AGENDA ITEM E5      BOARD OF REGENTS UPDATE**

Paul Gough provided an update on the Board of Regents (BOR) workforce activities. A *Board of Regents Workforce Update* and the South Dakota Board of Regents Fact Book FY2011 were included in the packets that were mailed to the WDC members. The *Update* provided information on students gaining hands-on experience to prepare for careers, two healthcare career camps, and new programs and delivery sites approved by the Board during their March 31-April 1 meeting.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSM&T) students had cooperative education (co-op) placement with a variety of employers in 2010-2011. Cooperative education placements provide students with opportunities to apply their classroom knowledge to hands-on, “real world” work experiences. Students are employed by industry and government agencies in positions related to their field of study. Co-ops are generally a semester, or a semester and a summer, in length and result in students obtaining work experience that increases their marketability to employers upon graduation. On average, 75 percent of SDSM&T baccalaureate

graduates have relevant work experience through co-ops or summer internships upon graduation.

Employers interested in cooperative placement may contact Darrell Sawyer, Director of SDSM&T Career Center at 605.394.2667 or <http://careers.sdsmt.edu>.

The University of South Dakota (USD) Healthcare Careers Camp will be held on June 19-24. Students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare can register now.

- High school students entering 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades this fall are eligible to attend the camp and participate in a variety of hands-on learning and information-gathering activities.
- Tuition is \$50 per student. Meals, lodging and all educational and recreational activities are provided.
- All applications require a counselor nomination, a parent or guardian signature, an official school transcript and a personal statement.
- The application deadline is Saturday, April 30.
- For more information or to download an application, please visit [www.usd.edu/medical-school/health-careers-camp.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/medical-school/health-careers-camp.cfm) or contact Kathy Van Kley, Project Coordinator, InMED satellite Office, at 605.677.5167, or email [Kathy.vankley@usd.edu](mailto:Kathy.vankley@usd.edu).

Camp participants will be able to interact with health care professionals and faculty members. Staff advisors from the Sanford School of Medicine and the USD School of Health Sciences will be available during the week to discuss anything from education requirements to future employment opportunities and salaries.

Highlights include tours of Sanford Medical Centers in Vermillion and Sioux Falls, a tour of the new Sanford Research facilities and a tour of Southeast Technical Institute in Sioux Falls. During the week, students will also have an opportunity to observe medical demonstrations, participate in a tour of the gross anatomy lab and attend presentations by area health professionals.

South Dakota State University (SDSU) Health Professions Career Camp will be held July 27-29. High school students can explore numerous health-related careers during the camp. The number of students is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

- Camp will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, and end Friday afternoon, July 29, with a faculty and advisor panel and meetings with admissions office representatives. Parents are encouraged to attend the Friday afternoon activities.
- Registration cost is \$75, which includes food, lodging and all expenses.
- The deadline to enroll is Wednesday, June 15. Class size is limited.

- Registration materials are available online at <http://www.sdstate.edu/nurs/outreach/health-camp>.
- For more information, call Greg Heiberger, coordinator and advisor for pre-health professions, at 605.688.4294 or email him at [Greg.Heiberger@sdstate.edu](mailto:Greg.Heiberger@sdstate.edu).

The camp will include field trips, tours, workshops, speakers and hands-on demonstrations, all aimed to give participants a better understanding of employment options and academic requirements associated with various majors and career paths related to health professions.

Tours will include the Brookings Chiropractic Clinic, the Brookings Health System and Avery Health System in Sioux Falls. Workshops will also introduce students to human cadaver-based anatomy labs, genetic testing, nursing, pharmacy and medical laboratory sciences.

At the March 31-April 1 meeting, the Board of Regents authorized Northern State University (NSU) to deliver the Bachelor of Science in Management and the Bachelor of Science in Marketing using the Internet. Online delivery will provide opportunities for people who cannot commute to Aberdeen and assist with university efforts to attract former students to return and complete a degree.

Dakota State University (DSU) is authorized to deliver the Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing and Bachelor of Business Administration in Management online. The two universities will share responsibilities for courses and have developed a five-year rotation schedule so that students will be able to complete the majors in four years.

Northern State University Office of Extended Studies:

<http://www.northern.edu/Academics/Departments/Extended-Studies/Pages/default.aspx>.

Board of Regents press release: April 1, 2011

<http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/pressreleases/documents/040111Options.pdf>.

At the March 31-April 1 meeting, the Board of Regents approved a new credit-transfer agreement between USD and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI) to permit students to more easily complete the Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science. The Board also adopted revisions to an existing set of credit transfer agreements between SDSU and LATI. In most cases, the number of LATI credits accepted at SDSU will increase.

More students are taking advantage of credit-transfer opportunities between the state's four technical institutes and the public universities. "The number of students transferring held fairly constant for a number of years, but we have seen some increase over the past three years," said Jack Warner, executive director and CEO for the South Dakota Board of Regents. Last fall, there were 272 transfers into the public universities from the technical institutes, up from 192 in 2006.

Warner credits the growth to an increased number of credit-transfer agreements between technical institutes and public universities, referred to as articulation agreements. "The idea is to efficiently and effectively provide more options for students within the given mission of each institution," Warner said.

The new USD-LATI agreement brings the number of credit-transfer agreements between the technical institutes and universities to 256.

University of South Dakota Bachelor of Science in Laboratory Science:  
<http://www.usd.edu/health-sciences/medical-laboratory-science/index.cfm>.

Board of Regents press release: April 1, 2011:  
<http://www.sdbor.edu/mediapubs/pressreleases/documents/040111Articulation.pdf>.

## **AGENDA ITEM E6      SD HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER**

Amy Jacobson, SD AHEC deputy director, provided information on the Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The national AHEC program was developed by Congress in 1971 to recruit, train and retrain a health professions workforce committed to underserved populations. It was established to encourage universities and educators to look beyond the institutions and partner with communities to promote cooperative solutions with local benefits.

Through the Department of Family Medicine, the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota received funding in September 2009 to establish an Area Health Education Center in South Dakota. The AHEC program office is located in Sioux Falls. It collaborates with a network of community, state, healthcare and academic partners committed to meeting the healthcare workforce needs of South Dakota. The South Dakota AHEC program office has five staff:

- Bruce Vogt, Director
- Amy Jacobson, Deputy Director
- Bruce Rops, Education Coordinator

- Jason Lemke, Grant Specialist
- Diane Daby, Administrative Assistant

The first AHEC center is located in Yankton. The Yankton Rural AHEC office has been successfully functioning for some time and is actively involved in a number of projects. A second center, the Northeast AHEC, will be located in Aberdeen, we hope on the Northern State University Campus with a satellite office in Watertown. SD AHEC is looking to establish a third center in Western South Dakota.

#### **AGENDA ITEM F      ADJOURNMENT**

Cal Geis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Grady Kickul seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**