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MICHIGAN VETERANS EDUCATORS

2014 Drive-In
Lansing Community College – West Campus

April 4, 2014

Registration & Continental Breakfast	8:00-8:50 am
Welcome & Announcements Tracey Quada (WMU) & Chris Engle (Mott CC)	8:50-9:10 am
Michigan Veterans – What has been happening & the future Jeff Barnes, Director of Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency	9:10-9:55 am
Perspectives of Student Veterans Facilitator: Michael Brennan (OU) Student Veterans: Zack Frazier (LCC), Shane Taylor (CMU), & Danielle Middleton (Mott CC to OU)	10:00-11:00 am
Break	11:00-11:15 am
Break-Out Sessions (select one of four sessions)	11:15-12:15 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veteran Benefits 101 Phil Larson-UofM-AA, Helen Budd-UofM-Flint & Justin Peters-USVA Room M119 Do you know all the VA educational, health and other benefits your student veterans and dependents have earned by their or their parent's service? If not, this will be a great opportunity for you to learn and ask questions. We will present on the various options your students have, the differences between those benefits, and who is eligible. We will include time at the end for questions, answers and sharing.• Regional Collaborations Michael Bean-Delta College, Steven Lipnicki-GVSU, & Tracey Quada-WMU Room M120 This session will focus on three regional collaborations that involve participating Colleges and Universities and range from collaborations involving a group of institutions to have teamed up to provide high-quality services, to community-based initiatives involving several educational institutions and regional veteran agencies that coordinate and communicate to deliver services.	

- **Student Engagement**

Merry Jo Brandimore—SVSU & Denise Berry-SVSU

Room M121

Bring your ideas and examples of successful initiatives to this session. Our goal will be to share with colleagues about how to best engage and support military students on our campuses.

- **Employment and Transition**

Ingrid Tighe—MVAA & Chris Baldwin (facilitator)—MCSS

Room M122

Ingrid, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, will be discussing the next steps for student veterans to take in order to obtain employment within Michigan. She will talk about accessing statewide employment resources to help student Veterans on their journey to employment.

Lunch & Networking Opportunity

12:15-1:15 pm

Break-Out Sessions (select one of 4 sessions)

1:15-2:15 pm

- **Michigan Fast Track Programs: GVSU & LCC Programs**

Margie Clark-LCC, Julie Yunker-GVSU & Dichondra Johnson (facilitator)-MVAA

Room 119

Grand Valley State University's MPBTP: In 2013, the state licensing board for law enforcement – the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) – created a basic military police training program specific to military police veterans who are interested in transitioning to civilian policing. The Military Police Basic Training Program (MPBTP) offers qualifying military police veterans the option of attending a seven-week basic police training academy, rather than the full course of study. Curriculum includes legal matters, patrol procedures, detention, police skills, traffic, and special operations. Any military police veteran interested in this program must meet all MCOLES pre-employment standards and upon graduation will be fully eligible to be hired by a local or state law enforcement agency.

Lansing Community College's MM2P: In 2004, LCC expanded the advanced standing in the Registered Nurse (RN) program to licensed paramedics. In 2009 the college developed the Military Medic to Paramedic (MM2P) curriculum with funds from a federal grant. Pilots for the MM2P program started in January 2012 with five Army veterans enrolled and by August 2013 the cohort held 40 veterans or active military from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. In April 2013, Dean Clark was invited to attend the White House Forum on Military Credentialing and Licensing and discussed Lansing Community College's Military Medic to Paramedic (MM2P) Program and unique assessment of military experience experiential credit. LCC's program has been recognized by the U. S. Department of Defense as the national model for awarding experiential college credit for military training and experience.

- **Eight Keys to Success**

Phil Larson-UofMAA, Chris Engle-Mott CC & Patty Farrell-Cole (facilitator)--PCSUM

Room 120

In August 2013, President Obama called for all postsecondary institutions to adopt best practices supporting educational success for Veterans. CMVE supports the *Eight Keys to Veterans' Success* and CMVE members are helping each other learn and share guiding practices which address the eight keys. The session goals are to review the *Eight Keys to Veterans' Success* and share best practices across Michigan institutions for each key.

- **Recruiting Veterans**

Sarah Mellon—UofM-Flint (chair), Michael Brennan-OU & Kristina Leonardi (facilitator)—MVA

Room 121

This session will highlight topics that are necessary to evaluate for the recruitment and admission of military and veteran students. The presenters are active on the CMVE Recruiting and Outreach Committee and will share information on the benefits of participation with the CMVE for outreach purposes.

- **Organizational Designs that Effectively Serve Veterans**

Elizabeth Lyons-KVCC, Steven Lipnicki-GVSU & Patrick Hannah-WSU

Room 122

If you Google “best practices for veterans in higher education,” you will find that one of the most-consistent best practices is having a physical space on campus that is identified as a resource center for Veterans. However, institutions with a small number of Veterans may struggle to make sense of investing significant resources to serve this population so we will also address other effective alternatives. The presenters in this session, representing a community college and public universities will describe how Veteran services are provided at each location and discuss how the Veteran Center has been beneficial to students, along with alternative models to having a Center.

Break

2:15-2:30 pm

American Council on Education’s Toolkit for Veteran Friendly Institutions: From innovations to impact the ongoing efforts to enhance your program

2:30-3:10 pm

Tanya Ang, Associate Director of Veterans’ Programs

In an effort to disseminate innovative ideas, create collaboration, and help institutions determine what will make them veteran-friendly ACE developed the Toolkit for Veteran Friendly Institutions, www.vetfriendlytoolkit.org, in March 2012. The Toolkit identifies various solutions that have been successfully implemented and highlights real-world examples that can be replicated. In 2013, one year after its launch, ACE ran a survey of Toolkit users to determine how institutions were using the Toolkit and its impact on student veteran programs. Additionally, ACE recently launched a new and improved site. This presentation will report on the results from the survey showing where most institutions are focusing the majority of their efforts and the impact the Toolkit is having on institutions across the country. It will also discuss innovative ways of serving student veterans and demonstrate new features of the Toolkit including the discussion forum and guest bloggers.

Closing – Retired Major General Michael Lehnert

3:10-3:20 pm

Wrap-Up

3:20-3:30 pm