

Tech Prep Directors' Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Notes April 15, 2010
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Austin, Texas

Directors/Chairs/Coordinators Present:

Elaine Abshire, Alice Allen, Diane Barnes, Jill Berset, Pat Bubbs, Susie Clack, Benjamin Elliott, Carolyn Farmer, Ricardo Hinojosa, Sherry Hollinger, Nancy Hooker, Bettye Hutchins, Janet Jaworski, Rita Johnson, Sharyl Kincaid, Cynthia Lackey, Lawrence Lloyd, Bob Lucas, Margot Mata, Elizabeth McCauley, Melodie Morris, Susanne Parrish, Bob Pearce, Cindy Powell, Linvell Price, Donna Reynolds, Michael Rodriguez, David Russell, Doris Sharp, Leshia Smith, Kelley Townsend, Romona Vaughan, Rita Wilson.

THECB Staff: Dr. Susan Hetzler, Dr. Marti Kennedy, Ray Fischer, Donna Woodard

Welcome and Introductions, Jill Berset, Professional Development Committee

- Jill welcomed everyone to the meeting
- February meeting notes approved

Tech Prep 2010-2011 RFA – Susan Hetzler

- May 17th deadline for electronic submission
- In section C, you can say refer to section D
- Donna presented Starlink video regarding Perkins Project Management <http://www.starlinktraining.org/>

Six-year Plan Overview – Nancy Hooker

- Decision made not to post each high school plan on website
- Post generic plans displaying pathway from high school to postsecondary
- Continue to use template

UPDATES

Update on TEKS and 2010-2011 TEKS Training – Mike Rodriguez

- Discussed pairing ½ credit in fall with ½ credit in the spring to meet 1 credit requirements
- Encouraged directors to join list serve at <http://www.cte.unt.edu/>
- Teacher credentials will be grandfathered for next year

Best Practices delayed due to inclement weather

- Gulf Coast, Bob Lucas
 - Has staff at the colleges create cumulative quarterly reports from which he can compile into one report
 - Host Hispanic forum once a year with thousands of 8th graders
 - Runs like conference with breakout sessions
 - Spotlighted Tech Prep Collegiate high schools, which enables students to graduate from high school with AA
 - Association of Building Contractors
- Southeast Texas, Nancy Hooker
 - MS Office Conversion Class
 - Educator Industrial Internship
 - Using Summer Teacher Internships to Develop Career Pathways
 - SE Texas Annual Career Fair for High School Students
- Deep East Texas, Linvell Price
 - Provided and discussed sample agenda for Agricultural Science Workshop

ATC Update (Bob Lucas):

- Michael discussed problem with TRex fields not populating on the postsecondary side due to incompatible fields

Tech Prep Work Groups Reports/Briefings

Curriculum Development

- Alice Allen, Coastal Bend, provided CD she created entitled OneStopShop providing information on PEIMS, TEKS, scope & sequence, etc. Susanne will make and distribute copies to directors.
- See <http://www.atctexas.org/calendar.asp> for ATC training schedule

Policy Development

- Assisted with GIPWE revisions
- Revising consortium evaluation
- Discussed phone call from LBB representative

Data Group:

- Introduced new employee Diane Barnes, Research and Data Technician
- Statewide data published
 - 2007-2008 (most current) Performance Indicator data have been posted to the TechPrepTexas website <http://www.techpreptexas.org/consortia/state.shtml>
 - Please note that the data required for grants (i.e., 1PTP1, 1STP1, etc) are available on this webpage
 - The 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Performance Indicators have been reformatted to match the presentation of the 2007-2008 data
 - The 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 data have been moved below the Archived Data header
- Regional data published this week
 - Tech Prep Enrollment by School District, by Grade 2009-10
 - Percent Tech Prep of Total Secondary Enrollments 2009-10

Professional Development:

- Janet Jaworski will be sending survey to directors to determine professional development the group wants to see
- Committee will look into a request for CBM training for the colleges

Conference Updates

- Bettye Hutchins represented Tech Prep at national ACTE conference in Washington
 - Met with 9 legislators from TX, including both TX senators
 - Utilized resolution for NATPL provided by Cindy Powell <http://www.natpl.org/pages/resolution.html>
 - Utilized a document Pat Bubb provided that was revised with statewide TP data

Coordinating Board Updates –Susan Hetzler

- Strategic Plans should be electronically submitted to your Program Director by 8/16
- 2010-2011 Allocations were announced
- Statewide Marketing team has hired a marketing firm that will soon begin scheduling focus groups
- Quarterly Reports are to be completed as normal
- Amendments (Reallocations): received approval from TEA on 3/28, NOAs are being released daily
- LBB Review of CTE/Workforce
 - Between the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions, interim committee charge to review CTE/workforce programs so recommendations can be presented to the 2011 Legislature for consideration
 - Tech Prep Directors have been called
 - Site visits have occurred
 - Discussed consolidation of Title I and II funds
- Advancing Texas: Strategic Plan for the Texas Workforce System FY 2010-2015 http://www.twc.state.tx.us/boards/qwf_handouts/fuller_advancing_texas.pdf
 - Review and evaluate this strategic plan
 - Try to align your strategic plans with this plan
- GIPWE being revised by Duane Hiller and Marti Kennedy
- Organizational Memberships
 - Grants cannot pay for individual memberships
 - Grants can pay for institutional memberships
 - TACTE and CTAT are accepting institutional memberships
 - NATPL registration for fall forum includes membership
 - Registration for the 2010-2011 NCPN conference can be paid for with funds from the 2009-2010 grant
 - Please share all workshops, training sessions, and conferences with Rita Johnson, so she can post these events to the state Tech Prep calendar available on the TechPrepTexas website.
- Dr. Hetzler attended the annual spring meeting of the State Directors of CTE in Washington DC and had the opportunity to meet with the Assistant Secretary of Education/OVAE staff to discuss the future of CTE; several directors met with Arne Duncan to discuss CTE
 - Discussed national marketing/branding of CTE
 - Discussed new vision statement and guiding principles

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- Discussed consolidation going forward due to needs for efficiency and elimination of cost duplication
- Texas not interested in consolidating in 2010-2011
- Funding methodology
 - Committee selected to research funding scenarios
 - Committee members are Cynthia Lackey, Bettye Hutchins, Michael Rodriguez, Pat Bubb, Jill Berset, Doris Sharp, Lesha Smith and Rita Johnson

Announcements

- Upcoming meetings
 - Only 2 meetings per year – November and April
 - Next meeting to be held November 4 at THECB
 - April meeting to be determined by the professional development committee

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting will be November 4, 2010 at THECB.