MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting
October 6, 2011

Attendance: Barry Good, David Hall, Greg Kegel, Jane Karas, Joe Schaffer, John Cech, John Garic, Mark Pangano, Marsha Riley, Stefani Hicswa, Sue Jones, and Tammi Miller. Also joining was Anne Clark, (State Evaluator), Annie Connole (Strategies 360), and Annie Glover (Strategies 360).

Not present: Bitterroot College Programs, Dawson Community College, Gallatin College Programs, UM Helena (excused) UM Western (excused).

Update on TAACCCT
John Cech and Jane reported on the current RFP. The State of Montana proposed a project with FVCC as the lead institution. All of our Two-Year Colleges plus 5 Tribal Colleges participated. We were not selected as a recipient. Two Montana Tribal Colleges partnered in a consortium with North Dakota and were successful. The two Montana Tribal Colleges will split $7 million. John Cech and Jane are participating in activities to prepare for a possible 2nd round of funding.

Review of Updated Two-Year Website, CollegeNOW blog, and Facebook page
The group was encouraged to review the following sites:

www.montanacollegenow.com

www.facebook.com/CollegeNowMontana

http://mus.edu/2yr/2yr_main.asp

Please submit any problems found to David or Sue. How do we get the word out about these informational sites?

Update on First Two Listening Sessions
Listening sessions were held at UM Helena on 9-3 and at MSU Billings on 9-5. There were good turn-outs at each location with over 100 participants at each community. Very thought provoking discussion was presented and captured at each session. Both communities indicated more involvement was needed by students.

Update on CAEL ALFI Assessment (Statewide)
Joe reported the College!Now Adult Friendly Programming Workgroup has been charged with identifying ways to increase the participation, retention, and credential completion of adult students. A promising approach to assessing the state’s environment for adult learners is to employ the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) Adult Learner Focused Institution, or ALFI assessment process. While we have great baseline data for the two-year institutions in Montana in regard to adult participation, the workgroup collectively believes an institution-level assessment could also be aggregated into a state-level assessment of our how we are aligned and designed to serve adults. The workgroup is proposing to conduct the ALFI assessment across the Montana University System’s two-year institutions. These institutions will include the 5 COTs, 3 community colleges, MSU Northern, and UM Western. As an initial step in understanding how we are aligned to engage, retain, and graduate adult students, the workgroup recommends the two-year institutions complete the ALFI to better focus on the areas where we can improve our environments for adult learners. This assessment process has proven to be successful in other states and could provide data and recommendations for institutional and state-wide advancement with regards to serving adult students. The process will require minimal work on each campus and will be paid for by COLLEGE!NOW. More detailed information will be sent to each Implementation Team member.
Campus Enrollment Trends

FVCC – not sure
MSUN – down 35
UM Missoula – up about 300
MT Tech UM – up 140
MSU Great Falls – up 50-60
MSU Billings – down some, not sure how many

Next meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, November 10, 2011
9:00 AM Conference Call

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