IMPLEMENTATION TEAM CONFERENCE CALL

April 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Barry Good, Daniel Bingham, Greg Kegel, John Cech, John Garic, Judy Heiman, Karl Ulrich, Sue Jones, Tom Gibson, Vern Gagnon, Victoria Clark

Unable to Attend: Anne Clark, Anneliese Ripley, Bob Hietala, David Hall, Frank Trocki, Jane Karas, Jim Cargill, Joe Schaffer, Stefani Hicswa, Tammi Miller (Many IT members are at AACC conference this week.)

Guests: Brad Eldredge, Matt Springer

Update on Grants:

TAACCCT Grant-Brad Eldredge, FVCC

- Grant development is well underway. Components of the grant include:
  1. Transitioning developmental math to the Emporium model;
  2. Professional development and curriculum development for faculty;
  3. New program offerings for TAA workers – energy and health care.
- Brad and Matt are currently securing letters of commitment. Another letter is being prepared that will be signed by all consortium members
- Narrative is to be completed in the next two days and will be sent out for input.
- The intent is to have grant out by the 19th of April.

Pathways grants-Little Big Horn College is collaborating with MSU-Billings and MSU-Northern; working on Diesel Technology; certificate possible at MSU Billings COT and perhaps a pathway to a four-year degree pathway to Northern. LBHC is the lead. If funded, the grant will create a certificate at Little Big Horn that articulates to a two-year degree at Billings COT and on to a four-year degree at Northern.

UM Helena COT submitted a Pathways grant in conjunction with MSU-Great Falls focused on aviation.

SPEC/Lumina Evaluation Meeting:

John and Tom Gibson traveled to Detroit to attend a SPEC/Lumina Evaluation meeting, along with Anne Clark. The meeting focused on uses of an evaluation as well as purposes of an evaluation grant. John commented that an evaluation can set the stage for enhanced learning, awareness, and improvement of the project. The actual evaluation process can be influenced by communication quality, timeliness, the confidence of the evaluator, characteristics of the people who utilize the evaluation, and the environment. OCHE is currently finalizing the evaluation for year one of College!Now.

Judy commented that she was glad that the SPEC/Lumina meeting focused on application of the evaluation for improvement and communication and not just on how to satisfy the funders.
Tom stated that it was valuable to be able to provide the system perspective to the evaluators.

Next Steps – Moving Forward With College!Now:

John announced that there will be a new workgroup—in conjunction with Strategy 1—Comprehensive Two-Year Education Mission is Expanded to Every Montana Two-Year College by 2013. The chief focus of this workgroup will be on extending the comprehensive two-year education mission to Montana’s five COTs by 2013. John and MSU-Billings Chancellor, Rolf Groseth will co-chair the workgroup.

John reviewed the potential makeup of the group and will seek input from President Engstrom, President Cruzado, and others. John explained the criteria utilized in selecting Chancellor Groseth. This workgroup will have its first meeting during lunch either on Thursday, May 19 or Friday, May 20 at FVCC in conjunction with the BOR. John will confirm the date shortly.

Updates From Around the State:

- **Barry Good/UM Missoula COT**-very busy with legislative session and bonding process for UM Missoula COT bill; today is a very critical time with final voting to determine outcome.
- **Victoria Clark/Bitterroot College**-working on strategic plan; hoping to now finish their five-year strategic plan. Document draft to be ready by end of this month.
- **Karl Ulrich/UM Western**-Second veterinary technology meeting on the campus to be held on the Western Campus. UM-Western is working on development of a vet tech program in Montana. Several other partners are involved in this preliminary stage of development.
- **John Garic/MT Tech COT**-very focused on search for new Chancellor. Still working on UXO (unexploded ordnance) training for MT Tech.
- Also, the COT has been approached by a local business who would like training for their hotel staff
- **John Cech/Commissioners Office**-David Hall is having complications with his knee surgery and will be on sick leave for another six weeks; we all wish him well.
- John will be participating in Helena, Billings, and Miles City graduation ceremonies.
- Upcoming NWCCU Site Visit-John is doing the site visit this week. He hopes to serve as a resource for others as they work on their standards.
- John will be participating in the Carl Perkins State Director’s meeting in Washington DC next week. He and the other 49 state directors are having lunch with Education Secretary, Arne Duncan which will serve as a high point; please send John any questions you would like him to attempt to ask Secretary Duncan!
- **Sue Jones/Commissioners Office**-is traveling to Washington DC at the end of April for a Department of Labor Career Pathways Institute. The Montana Career Pathways Technical Assistance Award is designed to meet the Secretary of Labor’s high priority performance goal of increasing credential attainment and improving training services to disadvantaged populations.
• **Daniel Bingham/UM Helena COT** - Working on several grants; FIPSE/integrating math, English and technology programs; publication to work on a Pathways component so students will be better prepared with technology before they come into the COT.

• **Greg Kegel/MSU-Northern** - Offering several programs for kids including space night (first cosmonaut) conference; hosting Techno Expo with industry partners; heavy equipment carnival.

• Hosting Northwest Diesel instructor’s conference.

• Working on Bill and Melinda Gates youth grant.

• **Vern Gagnon/MSU-Billings COT** - will be visiting with the MSU-Billings grants department to discuss ideas for working on FIPSE grant.

• Ribbon cutting for wind turbine on campus moved to June 8.

• The COT has been granted physical ownership of piece of steel from the World Trade Center. The COT will host a signature event will be held on September 11, 2011 to commemorate 9/11 (10 years).