IMPLEMENTATION TEAM CONFERENCE CALL
April 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Anne Clark, Anneliese Ripley, Barry Good, Bob Hietala, Daniel Bingham, Frank Trocki, Joe Schaffer, John Cech, John Garic, Judy Heiman, Sue Jones, Tom Gibson, Vern Gagnon, Victoria Clark

Unable to Attend: Greg Kegel, David Hall, Jane Karas, Jim Cargill, Karl Ulrich, Stefani Hicswa, Tammi Miller

Guests: Kathy Hughes (for Jane Karas)

Updates:

A. State Director’s Meeting for Career and Technical Education and Comments from Secretary Arne Duncan- John reported that budgets for education will continue to be tightened. Areas of focus at the meeting included:
   1. Expanded pathways secondary to post-secondary (statewide articulations)
   2. Rigorous Plans of Study-MT is one of six states to receive a grant to implement rigorous study pathways. Focus is K-12. It will be watched closely by the Dept. of Education.
   3. Stackable certificates
   4. Outcomes assessment-Goals include looking at work emphasized by accrediting bodies.
   5. Data consistency and quality
   6. Funding results
      a. Outcomes-There was a lot of focus on identifying outcomes at the college level, program level and course level. Must demonstrate and use data to inform the budget, planning, etc.
      b. Students who go on to post-secondary; certificate or higher
      c. Complete at least one year of college

B. Perkins/Tech Prep Cuts
   1. Tech Prep cut in FY11 (eliminated and rolled into Perkins)
   2. Perkins cut 37 million in FY11
   3. More cuts in FY12 (as per Arne Duncan)

C. Meetings with Tester/Rehberg/Baucus Staff-while in Washington, DC, John met with staff representatives to review the mission and values for two-year education in Montana. He also briefed them on the revised College!Now strategies. All three representatives were interested and supportive.

D. TAACCCT Grant-John had a great conversation with Senator Baucus’ aide, Heather O’Laughlin regarding Montana’s TAACCCT grant application. Montana’s large, consortium-type grant
approach is what the Department of Labor was hoping to receive. Heather thought Senator Baucus will write a letter of support for the grant.

At this point in time the U.S. Department of Labor thinks the TAACCCT grant will be funded in full for this cycle and following years two, three and four.

E. College!Now Update
   1. Revised Priorities and Scope of Work Approved-OCHE received very positive feedback from HCM Strategists.
   2. OCHE will soon begin search soon for two approved positions added to the grant: Senior Program Specialist and a quarter time Admin Assistant.
   3. David still out recovering from knee surgery complications.
   4. Community College mission to COT Workgroup membership will be finalized soon with initial meeting either Thur or Fri Noon at the BOR – once Board of Regents agenda is finalized, John will be able to set the exact date and time of the meeting.
   5. Joe and Bob H have agreed to co-chair the Adult Friendly Workgroup – if you have interest in serving as a member let John know.
   6. Margaret Bowles (OPI) and Darrin Pitcher (Dean of Students) from MCC have agreed to co-chair the ABE/Dev Ed workgroup – if you have individuals from your campus who would like to serve let John know.
   7. Communications & Engagement RFP let by May 31.

F. Upcoming Meetings:
   May 11 Implementation Retreat – UM Helena COT
   May 18 Two Year Council-Flathead Valley Community College

G. Other – around the table
   1. Flathead Valley Community College-
      a. A big thank you to Brad Eldredge and Mathew Springer for work on the TAACCCT grant. There was a big celebration upon completing the application.
   2. UM Missoula COT-
      a. Royce Engstrom inauguration will be held on May 7.
      b. Carpentry students finished two modular units to serve as offices, etc. on campus. Also added 2,400 sq. feet of classroom space.
   3. Bitterroot-
      a. Staff in the process of finalizing upcoming fall class schedule.
      b. Working on community outreach.
      c. Working with Council on Aging/Hamilton High School partnerships
      d. Local fund raising efforts in the summer to raise money for furniture and equipment.
   4. UM Western-
      a. Preparing for summer school session.
b. Working on veterinary technician grant/partnership.

5. Montana Tech COT-
   a. Carpentry students are finishing a four-plex to house brain-damaged people. They are also focusing on getting the appropriate equipment to accommodate the residents.
   b. There is another candidate interviewing for the chancellor’s position right now and there will be another in Butte next week.

6. UM Helena COT-
   a. Winding up construction at the airport campus.
   b. Getting ready for graduation.

7. MSU Great Falls COT-
   a. Wrapping up the year and preparing for graduation.
   b. Thanked Annaliese and Western for hosting the Veterinary Tech meeting.
   c. Joe presented at the Montana Dental Hygienist’s meeting. Participants expressed interest in a baccalaureate degree available for dental hygiene.
   d. They are completing a simulated hospital setting to use in training.
   e. Question on Communications RFP – will the changes to the COT’s be a part of the RFP? John replied that the rebranding process is definitely part of this RFP.

8. MSU Billings COT-
   a. The piece of steel from the World Trade Center that is being given to the COT should arrive on May 15. Vern said they are looking to travel around the state and work with educational partners to display it in their respective communities. This would be a way to bring the community in to see your site. Vern invited people to let him know if they would like to have this type of event in their community.

9. Gallatin Valley Programs-
   a. Working on professional development ideas and partnership activities.
   b. Working on dual enrollment partnership with local high schools.
   c. Conducting local workforce needs assessment.

10. OCHE-Sue
    a. Attending Pathways initiative meeting next week in Washington, DC. Team is headed by Dept. of Labor and has members from post-secondary education, OPI, and Job Service. Focus is on pathways for laid-off workers in greater Missoula area. There will be presentations by subject matter experts.

11. Anne Clark-
    a. Anne commented that the evaluation process for College!Now has been completed and it went smoothly.

12. Judy Heiman-
    a. Mentioned upcoming meeting in Salt Lake City on June 9 that is focused on the Western Governor’s University model and state partnerships. There will be four-year campuses involved and exploring items for WGU. Lumina is involved
and Judy encouraged one to two members from our group to attend. Joe, Daniel and Annaliese expressed interest.

It was noted that there has been an inquiry regarding a certificate/degree for web design/web development in Montana. We seem to have a lot of courses, but no program. Tom Gibson requested that any/all information anyone has on this be sent to him.