**MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting**  
April 26, 2012

**Attendance:** Bob Hietala, Daniel Bingham, David Hall, Greg Kegel, Gwen Joseph, Jane Karas, John Cech, John Garic, Lynn Stocking, Stefani Hicswa, Sue Jones, and Victoria Clark. Also joining was Anne Clark, (State Evaluator), Annie Connole (Strategies 360), Christian Jones (FVCC), Sharon Kearns (MCC), Sheri Steiner (MSU Billings COT), and Sylvia Moore (OCHE).

The call was started with the announcement that Jane Karas has been elected as President Elect of the American Association of Community Colleges and John Cech has been elected Secretary of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium.

It was also announced that MCC is being considered for an ASPE Award.

(Lynn) reported on their request for an AA in Police Science.

(Marsha) indicated MSU Billings COT is interested in an AS in Criminal Justice.

(Stefani) wanted to know how this would work with DCC? It was stated that duplication is appropriate when dealing with regional needs. Concerns were raised covering areas of concentration.

(Sylvia) said this is a point of pride for the Board of Regions because Two-Year Colleges are being responsive to workforce needs. This possibly needs to be changed to an informational item instead of a Level 1 action.

(Jane) feels we need to have a face-to-face discussion on using/transcripting areas of concentrations. She suggested possibly the Wednesday afternoon prior to the next Board of Regions meeting.

(Lynn) reported that the current proposal has the AA degree granted from UM Missoula COT.

(John) reminded the group that he needs to receive their individual TAACCCT grant proposal abstracts by Friday May 4. There is a SWIB Executive meeting on Monday May 7 at 10:00 AM. Individual grant institutions need to have a representative on the phone to answer potential questions.

(Marsha) reported the Montana TAACCCT Consortium Grant will emphasis the Montana Training Network. The Energy and Healthcare areas will be addressed with stackable credentials and latticing. There will be an emphasis on interactive media. Let MSU Billings COT know if you will be requesting special equipment.

(John) reported on the progress of the mission expansion efforts and the renaming/rebranding efforts. He needs estimates of the projected costs of renaming.

**Next meeting is scheduled for:**

**Thursday, May 10, 2012**

9-10 AM

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