Two-Year Leadership Meeting  
June 12, 2014  
Helena-OCHE, 102A  
11:00-2:00


Absent: Jane Karas, James Limbaugh, Marsha Riley, Amy Verlanic, William Rugg

Main Street Montana Overview (Shannon O’Brien and John Cech)
- Governor is proud of the two-year initiatives and movement, Montana is getting national recognition
- Main Street Montana Project, blueprint
  - Began with series of information gathering efforts
    - 7 round table discussions throughout state, online survey to share visions for Montana’s economic development
  - Identifies five pillars on which the business development plan is built and twelve Key Industry Networks (KINs)
  - Main Street Montana and Early Childhood Education (Early Edge Montana) are currently two key priorities for the Governor’s Office
  - Cabinet is taking the five pillars and assigning a Cabinet member to be the point of contact person for each particular pillar
  - Commissioner’s Office is pursuing a NGA grant which would tie into the Main Street Montana Project, particularly pillar one
  - Main Street Montana will be on agendas for many meetings, it will just become something we do

SWAMMEI Update (Matt Springer)
- Workforce Navigators have all been hired, project team is complete
- Percentages of businesses participating in the grant has increased
- Manufacturing meeting was successful
- DOL has been a wonderful partner and is excited about the idea of apprenticeships
- Industry recognized credential component is coming along, hope that if education takes the lead then businesses will follow (most industry recognized credentials are not currently recognized in Montana)
- Points of consideration for colleges
  - Encourage staff to remain engaged with this project, hold regular meetings that focus on project progress
  - Timely submissions are critical
  - Course sharing, registrars willing to communicate between institutions
    - WICHE option that is being considered
  - The intention of Industry Recognized Credentials is to provide transfer between institutions, agreement on common objectives
  - Coaching strategies could be very successful
- Third party evaluators available for site monitoring

**TAACCCT IV (Lynn Stocking and John Cech)**
- Kaye Norris is project director/lead grant writer
- Kelly Petersen and Kris Juliar are very involved in bringing ideas together
- Budget explanation was given
  - Deadline for budgets from campuses in Monday, June 16th, at 5:00 pm

**Montana Dual Credit Incentive Program (John Cech, Tyler Trevor, and Amy Williams)**
- Amy Williams was hired as the Dual Enrollment Coordinator (half-time, for the next year)
  - Long-term vision
    - Clean up the dual enrollment communication pieces
  - Immediate concern
    - Concurrent enrollment instructors this fall
    - Add value to credit for credit coupons
  - Discussion of landing page on dual credit incentive program website
  - Resources/connections listed on the website for concurrent enrollment instructors
- Bernie Phelps discussed approach being taken in Butte
  - Three graduate courses will be offered online
  - Collaborative approach to reach all of Montana
- Commissioner’s Office is currently working with registrars to develop concurrent enrollment coding
- This empowers CAOs on campuses to negotiate the nine credit math courses