Two-Year Leadership Team Conference Call
June 5, 2014

Present: John Cech, Sue Jones, Mindi Askelson, Amy Sherman, Kristen Jones, Karl Ulrich, Mary Nielsen, Greg Kegel, Bill Rugg, Heidi Pasek, Matt Springer, Stacy Klippenstein, Lynn Stocking, Victoria Clark, Bob Hietala, John Garic, Marsha Riley, Daniel Bingham

Absent: Mike Simon, Barry Good, Anneliese Ripley, Susan Wolff, James Limbaugh, Jane Karas, Amy Verlanic

Update: PLA in Montana (Sue)
- Funding from Gates Foundation-Prior Learning Assessment
- Establish a PLA Taskforce; request was sent out from Commissioner Christian
  - Look at best practices, assure quality and consistency with degree requirements
  - Taskforce members will develop recommendations for PLA policies and standards
    - It is important that taskforce members report back to their campuses so communication is broad
    - Meetings, webinars, workshops, Summit in Billings with CAEL Team
- PLA Nominations due by tomorrow, June 6th

Veterans Outreach (Amy)
- Veterans are a subset of the adult population
- Rise in number of student Veterans (56% increase from 2007 to 2010)
- Veterans are completing education, just may take longer as they are working or possibly in the guard
- We should not be making assumptions that these students want to do the same thing they did in the military
- McCormick Foundation focuses on the Midwest
  - CAEL is their higher education agent; Illinois created a Higher Education Affinity Group
    - Sharing of best practices, collaborative training, and planning
    - Help drive strategic planning around areas
• Student surveys, interviews with Deans and other administration, data collection
• Illinois Joining Forces
  o Statewide faculty training, webinars
• Commercial Club
  o Membership growing in the Chicago area
• Career and Education Advising of Veterans
  o Timing is an issue, advising needed at crucial times
• Portfolio Assessment for Student Veterans
  o Option to receive credit for prior experience
  o Accelerated programs, crosswalks

SWAMMEI Update (Matt)
• PLA has been incorporated into the TAACCCT 3 project
  o Using PLA to get students into higher level tiers
• First leadership committee meeting has taken place
  o Discussed apprenticeships, industry recognized credentials
• Meeting needs of incumbent workers
• DOL mandate to start all programs by fall 2014
  o If uncertainty is met, seek clarification but currently in a good place to follow through with fall delivery
• Started professional development for faculty in regards to recognized credentials
• Coaching has been going well
• Next steps: Monitoring visits
• Question posed by Amy: Any work being done in regards to the industry recognized credentials not being recognized in Montana?
  o CAEL would be willing to help if needed
• MOU update within next couple of days
• NWCCU will need to be alerted in regards to areas where shifts have been made
• Matt will attend meeting on June 12th with Two-Year Deans/Presidents/CEOs

TAACCCT 4 Update (Lynn/John)
• Early July submission due date for this grant
• Broad based strategies will be incorporated into the grant
• Working on applying budget to strategies and writing of the grant which should be sent out for review soon
• Concern expressed regarding wording in the grant, working on resolving those concerns
• Length of LPN program is being considered
• Shine spotlight on ASN as an access point
  o Option to begin work after achieving credential or use it for academic progression towards a BSN
• Good foundation of grant proposal to be sent out for review next week for feedback

Dual Enrollment Teacher Incentive
• With board approval of policy change, teachers will work with CAO to plan for completing the 9 credits in the discipline area
• More information to follow

Two-Year Retreat Meeting on June 12th in Helena
• Agenda items
  o TAACCCT 3
  o TAACCCT 4
  o MainStreet Montana
  o Dual Enrollment