Two-Year Leadership Meeting
March 4, 2015
1:15-4:45
Helena, OCHE


American Apprenticeship Initiative Proposal (John and Annie)
- John provided background information for the MTDI/MUS grant proposal
- Annie provided specific background information regarding the grant FOA
  - Focus on career pathways and apprenticeships (stackable credentials)
  - Five year grant, must have 1000 newly registered apprentices enrolled within that timeframe
  - Use funding to support innovations such as training costs
- Annie discussed preliminary results of recent survey sent to employers (survey has been live for roughly 36 hours)
  - Anticipated closing date of survey is March 18, 2015
  - Currently 138 employers are interested in sponsoring apprenticeships and provided contact information on survey
- General group questions/discussion topics
  - Clearinghouse
  - Competency-based apprenticeships
  - National Apprenticeship Program-registered apprenticeships

Perkins/Big Sky Pathways (Mindi and Erik)
- Mindi discussed Perkins background and anticipated upcoming changes
  - Total Local Application Funds $4,402,238
  - State Leadership 10%
  - Institution up to .005
  - Rural Reserve 10% $440,224
  - Carry over this year $359,792
  - Carry over funds had been used generously to move BSP forward – which is integral part of several new bills including:
    - 8 SBSP grants up to $75,000
    - 3 Career Cluster grants up to $10,000
    - 2 Special Population grants up to $20,000
  - With the new laws:
    - WIOA
    - Job-Driven Training Initiative “ensure that career and technical education programs are not only open to all Americans but are also part of pathways to well-paying, middle class jobs”
    - Anticipation reauthorization
    - Introduced in the Senate “Career Ready Act of 2015”
Significantly less carryover
This is what we are doing to be as fair as possible
SELT has decided in a new direction the focuses the rural reserve funds on schools that are effectively utilizing Pathways
  - One Institutional Grant will be awarded for the minimal amount
  - No cluster grants will be awarded
  - No special population grants
Slight changes to the Perkins and SBSP RFP
  - Fund up to 9 grants to up to $75,000
  - Each grant must have a Coordinator with 0.5 FTE required
  - Accountability measurements will be required and may include
    - Number of contacts
    - Percentage of Pathways developed and/or renewed
    - Enrollment in Pathways data
John briefly mentioned possible mandate/requirement for colleges to have Big Sky Pathways links visible on their respective websites
Mindi discussed in detail Strengthening Big Sky Pathways Grant and Perkins Local Grants
  - Big Sky Pathways Grants
    - Continue funding BSP Coordinator position up to 1 FTE.
    - BSP Coordinator position must be at least .5 FTE and focused solely on duties relating to the promotion and development of Montana BSP program.
    - BSP Coordinators position must be filled by October 1, 2015.
    - Develop a partnership with an area Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program.
    - Activities must be based on documented industry and workforce need.
    - Accountability measurements will be required.
    - Colleges must match at least 5% of the funds to be eligible for the SBSP grant. Perkins Local Grant funds may be used to meet this match.
    - There are three (3) unfunded activities that must be included in the grant application. However, College’s may use their 5% match and/or Perkins Local Grant funds to:
      - Participate in at least two (2) MPSEOC College Fairs
      - Host an exhibitor booth at the MT ACTE
      - Include business and industry in partnerships or events.
    - Activities/events create awareness of BSP opportunities that specifically reaches secondary students and parents and Adult Basic Education students. Must result in the development of a tangible product in one or more of the following medians: print, TV, Radio, and Web based or social media.
    - Highly competitive scoring matrix that will award points based on:
      - BSP Coordinator FTE and experience
      - Amount and type of match (Perkins vs Non Perkins)
      - Using current data to make decisions
      - Developing partnerships with ABE
      - Integrating BSP in college’s strategic and marketing plan
• Development of tracking system for pathways usage
• Plan for review and renewal of BSP
• Participation/Assisting in professional development opportunities with OPI
• College commitment to BSP Awareness – see Perkins Local Grant #4b

  o Perkins Local Grants
    ▪ 20% of the total allocations must be used for activities related to supporting Big Sky Pathways
    ▪ With the exception of Big Sky Pathways Coordinators, salaries may be provided for up to 3 years using the following structure:
      • Year 1 – 100% funding
      • Year 2 – 66% funding
      • Year 3 – 33% funding
    ▪ Colleges who are eligible for less than $50,000 in Perkins funds must form a consortium. The consortium pairing will remain the same as last year.
    ▪ The Required and Permissive Uses will remain the same as last year. However, within the required uses:
      • At least one activity must include a local Adult Basic Education (ABE) partnership
      • At least one activity must result in a clearly defined link to Big Sky Pathways information on the college’s website
    ▪ Required Use of Funds should focus on innovation and/or program development NOT equipment.
    ▪ All funding requests must document how they will address one or more of the Performance and Accountability Measures
    ▪ At least 1% of total allocation spent on R9 “Provide activities to prepare special populations, including single parents and displaced homemakers who are enrolled in career and technical education program”

*RevUP and NWCCU Clarifications (Matt Springer)*
• Inside Track powerpoint presentation by Sarah and Seth
• Focus on retention of students/intrusive advising and coaching
• Started in Fall and now working on Spring Semester
• Shared persistence goal – 3%
• Sarah is our coach; she is working on building trust on our campuses among staff and students
• Inside Track applies to ALL students on the RevUP campus, even if not in RevUP program
• Articulation process can continue without NWCCU involvement
  o Accountability falls with transcripting institution
• Course sharing is encouraged, NWCCU contracts and fee required
  o Assessment would also require contracts/fees
• Apprenticeships
  o Industry recognized credentials embedded, competency-based
  o Recommendation to create new program and setup as a sequence of CBE courses
• Lewistown/Marketing
  o Been very proactive
  o Requesting two current needs:
    ▪ Articulated need for customized welding
    ▪ Also want to create program for introduction to manufacturing course
  o Basic interest expressed in electrical fundamentals, but not a priority at this time
• Roughly 1,065 participants currently, two terms of enrollment (Fall 2014/Spring 2015)

Montana HealthCARE (Jane and Vida)
  • Nine sub-awards completed
  • Staff currently being recruited and hired
  • Statewide steering committee meetings are being held

Dual Credit (Amy)
  • 148 Credit-4-Credit coupons issued for Fall 2014, 98 teachers, 490 total credits
  • Dual Enrollment is growing, high quality is vital component
    o Working on pulling more in-depth student data
  • 411 Blasts were successful, thinking of re-running them at some point
  • Communication theme will be continued
    o Working on student/parent oriented website

Meeting minutes taken by Katie Spalinger