Two-Year Leadership Call
July 15, 2015


John introduced Siri Smilie (Education Policy Advisor for the Governor), Shannon O’Brien (Missoula College Dean) and Sylvia Moore (UMW Provost)

Overview of WIOA, Preview of August 18-19, 2015 Conference, ABE Pathway Project (Margaret Bowles)

- Reauthorization of previous act with same core partners
  - Postsecondary partner extremely important
  - If requirements/targets are not met, we will be penalized
  - ABE delivery system changes, students must have high school equivalency as well as be enrolled in postsecondary education or in a work placement
- State unified plan will be needed to meet workforce needs, required to work together with an integrated data system
- WIOA Kickoff Conference
  - August 18-19, 2015; Helena
  - All agencies working will WIOA will come together for the kickoff
    - Keynote speakers
    - Common Core planning measure will be identified
    - Breakout sessions
- ABE Pathway Project Update
  - Margaret applied for technical assistance grant with OCTAE last year
    - Goal of grant to help ABE teachers move students behind high school to post-secondary or workforce
    - Regional groups created work plans, timelines, outcomes
    - ABE to work with Big Sky Pathways
      - GFC, MCC, and Missoula College stated their campuses were working with/monitoring ABE progress
      - Margaret stated she is also working with interested parties in Kalispell and Butte

Compass and ACT (Leanne Frost)

- ACT is phasing out Compass Exam for placement purposes-December 2016
- Each campus must determine how they will assess placement needs following 2016
  - Opportunity to create common placement tools and scores
    - Leanne proposing a taskforce be created to work on this
    - Something new should be in place by August 2016
      - Many campuses expressed interest in being involved with this process, in agreement of common placement tools

CCA Co-requisite Participation Update (John)

- Good representation, nine colleges expressed interest in participating
• OCHE will be preparing a letter to indicate that Montana is interested in participating in this technical assistance grant opportunity

*RevUp Update (Matt)*
• RTI updates are coming
• In process of hiring instructional design firm, should be finalized within the next few weeks
• Closing a marketing RFP, need to release a new RFP
• Course sharing meeting will take place in the near future
  o John expressed crucial need for this across the MUS
• Currently served over 1,300 students, around 48% of target goal

*HealthCare Montana Update (Kaye)*
• Project is gaining momentum which is very exciting
• Still in process of hiring, just a few positions are left to fill
• AHEC are working with their respective advisory councils
• Go-to meetings happening weekly and monthly
• Nursing curriculum will go before the Board of Nursing in October, then presented to the Board of Regents in November 2015 or January 2016
• Website will be going live soon, hopefully by the end of this week

Meeting minutes taken by Katie Spalinger