MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting

March 18, 2010

9:30 Call-in

Attendance: Barry Good, Anneliese Ripley, Joe Schaffer, Stefani Hicswa, Kathy Hughes for Jane Karas, Mary Moe and David Hall (Rolf Groseth – excused)

1. Workgroup Update

- **ABLE –** Launch meeting was 2/22 in Helena with a very large group. In terms of meeting the workgroup’s main objective – bringing ABLE programming and services to all two-year campuses – by next year the majority of COTs will have some ABLE programming. The ABLE programming in Great Falls has relocated entirely to the MSU-Great Falls campus, with both partners reporting positive results. Some ABLE programming has been brought to the MSU-BCOT campus, but it could be expanded. UM-Helena and the Helena ABLE program are hoping to bring programs to campus next fall. Missoula and Butte are the two sites where getting ABLE doesn’t appear to have been seriously explored.

- **Developmental –** Launch meeting occurred on 2/24. Although the ABLE Workgroup felt that the needs of students were being well met by the status quo, a number of the DevEd Workgroup members felt that it was important to create stronger links between ABLE and DevEd programs. The focus of the Workgroup is on identifying best practices in developmental education, since two-year campuses have been identified in policy and in the College!Now initiative as the primary providers of developmental education. The group is interested in the good things happening in the State of Tennessee.

  Mary and David are thinking of a possible combined meeting for the ABLE and DevEd workgroups with a speaker(s) from Tennessee.

- **High School/College Transitions –** Launch is scheduled for tomorrow.

- **Workforce Responsiveness –** Pat Wise is recruiting business leaders for the workgroup. Jane Karas and John Cech will serve as liaisons to that group and bring their recommendations back to the Implementation Team to help flesh out the regional hubs concept.

- **Performance –based Funding –** Joe is the IT Liaison to this committee and participated in a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Mick Robinson and Dennis Jones last week. Joe reported that they are working on a system model based on the completion of student credit hours. The model would allow for program weighting to accommodate for high-cost programs. At the two-year campus level, we may need to add in other performance-based factors, since we serve a population less likely to complete for a variety of reasons. Washington has done some interesting things along those lines with “momentum points.” They also looking at an Ohio Model that allows for credits earned, credits attempted, and local employment needs as factors in the equation. Joe stated that it would be good to have some community college people on this group, since when the MUS shifts to this model of performance-based funding, it will beg the question with community college funding. The goal for Mick’s workgroup is to roll out the model in FY 2011.
2. Conferences on Two-Year Education. Montana’s proposal for a National Governors Association (NGA) mini-grant funding an adult credentialing conference was awarded funding. Dan Villa headed up the mini-grant effort and would like to locate the conference in Kalispell because of the job losses there affecting so many adults. He has apparently had preliminary discussion with Callie Langor, Principal of Glacier High School, about having the conference there. Mary has mentioned that FVCC would almost certainly like to be a venue as well. The conference is slated for summer. Mary will be attending an NGA state policy-makers conference on adult credentialing in Washington, DC, next week. 

On a separate track, one of the TRIO directors called Mary in January to see if she would be interested in TRIO putting on a conference focusing on two-year education. Mary replied that she would love to work with TRIO on that. She has been invited to speak at the conference, but has not been involved in the planning. She wondered whether any of the other two-year CEOs had been involved. Stefani noted that she had been contacted as a speaker but she referred them to me. Mary believes that it is important to have the two-year leadership involved for the two-year message to be conveyed from their perspectives. The conference has also been set for Kalispell, probably in May.

10:30 Adjourned

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