The following topics were discussed:

- **Proposed merging of Tech Prep funding into general Perkins allocation.** A draft of the public hearing proposal was sent to the team prior to meeting. The public hearing is via MetNet on October 6. Mary discussed the rationale for the merging of funds, as well as the procedure for the public hearing, and subsequent recommendation to the Board of Regents.

- **Communications and Engagement RFP.** We are completing the announcement document, which should be posted by September 13. Mary said it would be good to have campuses involved in the selection process, and asked for suggestions from the team for people with expertise in communications and strategic engagement. Suggestions included: Mark Milliron (Seattle), Pam Parsons (MSU- GF COT), Dan Carter (MSU-B), Keith Lynip (UM – Missoula), and Maria Cole (UM - Missoula).

- **Listening tour.** A tentative schedule had been sent prior to conference call. Everyone indicated they were fine with the proposed schedule.

Other concerns:

- Stefani asked if the **Dual Credit Operational Guidelines** would be up for approval at the next BOR meeting. Answer: Yes, although the regions of service and funding issues will be finalized in November once the basic model is approved in September.

- Joe asked how student counts will be handled for the **Gallatin County Programs?** He feels it is important for each campus have their own code. Mary will make that recommendation to Deputy Commissioner Robinson.

- Mary noted that a major emphasis of Perkins and Tech Prep next year will be the development of CTE Program of Study, which will make the dual enrollment guidelines particularly timely. Linda Corr-Mahugh is preparing a **proposal for USDOE funds** for state-level efforts to develop a particular program of study in a high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand occupations. Linda is focusing on carpentry and hoping to get the system-level criterion met by coordinating UM programs the first two years and MSU programs the next two years, depending on COT willingness to participate.

- Mary provided the team with the background on the **Montana Digital Academy** meeting on August 13 in which the MTDA board approved a pilot for dual enrollment with two courses offered through UM Missoula COT and another four courses offered through MSU-Great Falls. The hope is that other two-year campuses will have other offerings for spring semester. Tom Gibson will take over that effort, given Mary’s imminent retirement. Mary noted that the MTDA board wants consistently licensed teachers, so that’s a consideration for campuses wanting to participate.

- Joe explained that he was late to the last Implementation Team call and missed the discussion about the Virtual Community College, MTDA, and a multi-campus approach, but he was disappointed when he later learned about the decision not to implement programming in the fall with the campuses who are ready. He aired his objections with both Mary and Commissioner Stearns afterwards, but wanted to make the Implementation Team aware of them as well. He said he has a certain amount of frustration that the campuses that have made the changes necessary to support system issues aren’t given the go-ahead when it is timely and the other campuses haven’t made those changes. He reminded the group that all campuses don’t have to be involved in every activity, and trying to do that slows initiatives down.
Mary announced that she would be on leave at the time of the next scheduled IT meeting and since the regents’ meeting is the week after that, **the IT conference call for September 16 will be canceled.** Beginning September 30, David Hall will coordinate and chair future IT meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday, September 30, 2010**
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