MOA Implementation Team Phone Meeting
September 30, 2010

Attendance: Barry Good, Bob Hietala, Daniel Bingham, David Hall, Jane Karas, Joe Schaffer, and Stefani Hicswa (Anneliese Ripley, John Cech and John Garic– excused) also Anne Clark (CRA) and Judy Heiman (Lumina)

The following was discussed:

Denver WICHE Meeting
John Garic had prepared a written report from the WICHE – Non-traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners (NTNM) meeting in Denver which was sent to all the workgroup. Joining John at the meeting was John Cech, Anne Clark and David Hall. The majority of the conference addressed “ready adult” population – those adults who are close to having enough credits to obtain a degree but have not yet returned to college. The Montana group suggested to the Council for Adult and Experimental Learning (CAEL) that Montana would be a good pilot for their project on Prior Learning.

Communications and Engagement RFP
OCHE is currently completing the announcement document which will be handled and advertised through the Montana Department of Administration. The process is taking longer than expected.

Commissioner’s Listening Tour
Schedule had been sent prior to phone call. Attendance at the eastern sessions has been lighter than expected with good interaction from those participating. All future sights are encouraged to invite additional groups and individuals.

Board of Regents 2-Year Meeting
Stefanie reported on the 2-year luncheon held in Butte during the Board of Regents Meeting. The group discussed the proposed position posting for the Deputy Commissioner for Community College Programs. The group suggested not using the title “Community College”, increasing the importance of advocacy, being the primary contact from OCHE to the Department of Labor & Industries, and to increase the interaction with the Deputy Commissioner of Academic Affairs.

Dual Enrollment
Barry questioned if the Dual Enrollment Guidelines were adopted by the Board of Regents (Yes, they were). There was discussion as to the proposed Regional Hub timeline. OCHE still hopes to present a plan to the BOR in early November. Tribal Colleges need to weigh in on the proposal. Cost for enrollment still needs to be addressed.

Developmental Ed Workgroup
David Hall will attend the Education Commission of the States Conference on Getting Past Go to be held in Nashville, TN, October 12-14. The conference is designed to showcase Tennessee’s work in Developmental Education.

State Workforce Investment Board
David Hall is replacing Mary on various SWIB committees as the representative from OCHE. He will serve on the state team administering the Career Pathways Technical Assistance Initiative Award. Montana is one of ten states awarded from the USDOL Employment & Training Administration.

The next meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, October 14, 2010
9:00 AM
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