



Tech Prep Regional Coordination Project for San Diego and Imperial Counties

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The October meeting of the Management Team was cancelled due to the wild fires. Many educational facilities were used as shelters and Tech Prep partners are now addressing other pressing issues related to the fires. **Based upon telephone consultation with local consortia, there will be no meeting of the Management Team until the regularly scheduled meeting on December 6, 2007.** Details of this meeting will be provided at a later date. The Stakeholder Group will also meet on December 6, 2007, after the Management Team.

The firestorms made it clear that we are all interdependent. The crucial role of schools and colleges in the community came to the fore. The importance of business and community volunteers in assisting our residents was also clearly demonstrated. This same energy has been vital to the Tech Prep Coordination Project and we thank you for it.

Helpful Educational Resource

The **Career Technical Education (CTE) Framework for California Public Schools: Grades Seven Through Twelve** is an important tool for developing Programs of Study. The CTE Framework provides descriptions of industry sectors or pathways, sample sequences of courses, foundation and pathway standards, sample performance tasks, performance tasks rubrics and sample occupations for the pathways. **This new framework can now be ordered through the California Department of Education (CDE) Press at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/rc/> It can also be downloaded at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/pn/fd/>**

Road Show

Mary Wylie, Southwestern College, Natalie Ray, Grossmont Cuyamaca College, Mara Sanft, San Diego Community College District and Maureen Gevirtz, Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Auxiliary provided an overview of the Tech Prep Regional Coordination Project at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education in Palm Springs on October 11, 2007. There was standing room only!

The group was particularly interested in the nuts and bolts of creating a program of study. The "Do's and Don'ts" section of the presentation generated much discussion. The PowerPoint is available to any interested partner to spread the word about our project.

Local Consortia News

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District has determined that there are 40 courses now being offered in multimedia. . The multimedia program of study is being developed.

Imperial Valley The community college and ROP have had a very productive meeting on articulation and agreed to target 6 courses for articulation this year. A meeting with high school counselors is scheduled for November.

MiraCosta College is aligning courses with CSU San Marcos. Efforts are being made to expand into middle schools. There is now a middle school module for Biotech.

San Diego Community College District now has the Public Safety curriculum ready to go in the spring semester.

Southwestern College will be meeting with business and industry and the new director for curriculum at Sweetwater Union High School District.

Stakeholder Group Update

Mark Cafferty, Vice President of the San Diego Workforce Partnership gave a summary report on labor market needs in the regions and facilitated a discussion on the role of business at the at the September 27, 2007 meeting. **It was agreed by all that successful workforce preparation programs must have direct business involvement.** Mira Costa College and Grossmont Union High School District gave examples of how crucial this is. The challenge is how to procure this involvement and sustain staffing for this outreach.

Mark also previewed new federal legislation. SB761 America COMPETES has been signed into law and is awaiting funding. The Green Jobs Act, HR 2847 is pending and will modify the Workforce Investment Act to provide training in environmentally friendly occupations. See www.thomas.gov for details of federal bills and their status

Stakeholder Group Update (Continued)

Jennifer Henry from the San Diego Economic Development Council reviewed California legislation of interest. Since our meeting, SB 13 regarding CTE educational facilities has been passed. SB 314, related to district appointment of CTE advisory committee members, remains in committee and SB 830 regarding additional Partnership Academies, and the inclusion of ninth graders in those academies is still in committee. **See www.leginfo.ca.gov for information on California bills and their status.**

Jennifer noted that the credentialing requirements for teachers in California seems to limit the number of available instructors in high demand areas such as health care. At the December meeting of the Stakeholders, we will have a presentation on credentialing. Still another issue in teacher availability is the relatively low salary for instructors, compared to the compensation they can receive in private sector. Industry sponsorship or co-funding might enable districts to pay competitive salaries to teachers in high wage, high demand fields.

Improving the image of Career Technical Education in the business and employment community and among counselors, students and families is a key concern.

Management Team Update

At the September 27th meeting, progress on Programs of Study was reported and the group agreed that we need to be sure that we can provide all 6 programs of study for review by the ROP Steering Committee, so that local educational leaders have examples of this work.

The Program of Study matrix is working and local consortia are finding it to be a useful tool in analyzing existing courses for possible articulation and in developing logical sequences for courses. **See our website for the listing of completed programs of study available for download:**

http://www.gcccd.edu/auxiliary/Tech%20Prep%20Regional%20Consortium/programs_of_study.htm



What's Next?

On December 6, 2007, there will be a **Management Meeting** from **10 a.m. to 11a.m.** and a **Stakeholder Meeting** at **11 until 12:30** at a **location to be announced.**

Please share your ideas with us. Contact Maureen Gevirtz at mgev@pacbell.net. We are especially anxious to hear from businesses and organizations who seek employees.