

REGION A HEALTH IT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSORTIUM – MEMBER COLLEGE MEETING
THURSDAY, January 6, 2010 2:00-3:15 pm (PST) Pacific Time Conference Dial-In number: #559.546.1100
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Attended: Dorine Bennett; Jeffrey Brunz; Helen Andries Clarke; Jennifer Dalby; Patricia Dombrowski; Jamie Husher; Mary McMahon; Margaret Murphy; Sue Shibley; Carol Smedley; Rita Spear; Anthony Valterra; Paul Wild; Mike Bush; Lindsay Anthony; Maureen Wagner		
<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
Updates from December ONC Meeting	There was in emphasis placed on sticking to approved budgets. If expenses should change do a budget revision. Otherwise reimbursement may be delayed. There will be more information on Monday regarding the national contracting vendors and AMA. Employer attestation: an email is sufficient Federal employees and military questions was put forward and will be sent to legal. Open source training is acceptable for federal employees, but they will not get funding at a college. Patricia attended a session called “News from the Hill” which included policy staffers and was facilitated by Blumenthal. Workforce was not mentioned regarding repealing. Rescindson (pulling committed funding back) particularly in ARRA initiatives is a possibility. Incentive payments are an item on the chopping block. Call from ONC yesterday placed emphasis on employment. ONC also asked MCs to attend the HIMSS conference Feb 20-24th in Orlando.-Sun is academic forum. This is a late date to register or make airline reservations – please do not delay. Any airfare over \$700 needs to be discussed with Jeffrey. ONC will have booths for each Region. We will need to arrange staffing time. This travel will not be out of MC travel budgets. Invoice Jeffrey directly and he will reimburse. Deadline is next Wed to purchase registration and get hotel reservations. Patricia is working with the VP of HIMSS to bring CCs together. There has been some discussion regarding a meeting for program leads only in Denver the 1st week of March. However this time frame is difficult for those who are teaching. We may consider again in summer.	BC will put sample/template together of an employee attestation
- ARRA Reporting: Jobs Data - Time & Effort Reporting - Year 1 Budget Revisions	Finance workbooks are all in. Read your emails carefully for any outstanding issues. We will be collecting T&E reporting this month. To reiterate, please stick closely to your approved budget. Some outstanding revisions will be reviewed shortly. Send Jeffrey an email if you need to make	

<i>Jeffrey</i>	any revisions.	
- January enrollments for your state <i>Member colleges</i> - Notable challenges and successes <i>Member colleges</i> - Sub-contractors and partner institutions: managing and tracking progress - Current issues and concerns - Strategies to promote achievement of grant goal s - Tracking mechanisms in addition to quarterly Ops plans <i>CO, OR, WA, MT, SD</i>	OR: as projected 61 new students enrolled statewide CO: will have update early next week ID: 37 registered so far and 10 returning. Expect 50 new. MT: no numbers yet from SRs who will be accepting enrollment until next week ND: 9 UT: 11 – still enrolling for a couple of weeks SD: 28, SR=20 – still have until February. Alaska 3 or 4 WA: 23 2nd Quarter, 28-30 in 115, SR=25 last Quarter, 25 this Quarter – also still working on aggregate possibilities. Carol: We are getting contacted from out of our Region – ONC says we can have up to 15%. Sue: Having success with their program of 5 or more from the same entity then enrollment is covered. Anthony: Some difficulty with SR regarding system differences and timing issues, getting information gathered for ARRA reporting. Seems to be a lack of understanding where staff and faculty are plugged into the budget. Mary has similar issues and has had to make revisions. Rita meets with SRs weekly (topics include budgets, marketing, operations, textbooks). Mary also has weekly SR mtgs by conf call to cover numbers, logistics and ONC curriculum revisions. These revisions are time consuming. The quality on the modules is poor. Some content is good, some not used. They are trying to set up contract training for hospitals. Paul is working with HIMSS, revising Ambulatory practice so that it is less time consuming and combining HER and coding. He is talking with the hospital association. Dorine has solved most issues with SRs. Does have issues with system differences and timing as above with WA and CO.	
What else?	<i>Next Region A Meeting January 20</i> <i>Thanks!</i>	