

REGION A HEALTH IT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSORTIUM – MEMBER COLLEGE MEETING**THURSDAY, June 23, 2011 2:00-3:15 pm PST****Conference Dial-In number: #559.546.1100****Participant Code: 862965#****NOTES**

Attended: Jim Aspevig; Dorine Bennett; Cindy Brown; Jeffrey Brunz; Nicole Bunselmeyer; Helen Andries Clarke; Patricia Dombrowski; Yvette Herrera-Greer; Jamie Husher; Abdolreza Maftoun; Mary McMahon; Margaret Murphy; Michele Royer; Sue Shibley; Carol Smedley; Rita Spear; Anthony Valterra

<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
☐ Reporting Update <i>Jeffrey</i>	July 1 –Student information report –use attached template July 6 - Finance workbook due by noon. Please be sure your ARRA T&E is up to date. Quarterly review docs Employment update – 3 month interval	please send Jeffrey an email listing any additional items. Jeffrey will send template
☐ Curriculum site <i>Michèle</i>	ONC site was down and now they have reuploaded files so you will need to redownload these files to stay current. They are still fixing some problem files and are continuing to make updates. You can send Margaret an email if you would like access to our Dropbox where we will have all of the components stored as of next week. Now the ONC has released the components to the public – has EMR access too. We at least have a big head start on them. http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_onc_beacon_community_program_improving_health_through_health_it/1805	
☐ ONC updates	First employment report is due July 15th. After that, due with your other reporting- same as when the student info reports are due. ONC has stepped this up to be monthly reports.	

- ONC Competency exam—they might be able to provide school-specific feedback
- Some schools have been using videos posted on the Beacon Community sites as part of their promotion/outreach/instruction activities
- Outreach and support from HIT Employment Specialist--Yvette Herrera-Greer—monthly meetings with employment staff
- Monthly employment report

Margaret

- Hurdles & Region A Meeting

Patricia

We will do a webinar – it will include resume tips, best practices and a reporting piece. We will do baseline (already populated) document and ask you to send updates on students. Yvette will schedule monthly meetings with an employment specialist from each college. Jim asked if there would be additional funds for an employment specialist. Patricia and Margaret will speak to that offline.

ONC will be visiting Bellevue Sept 12-15 for an audit/monitoring visit and will be visiting other member colleges as well. We don't know who or when at this point.

We will share our Policies and Procedures Manual with you and you can insert your institution's particular information where highlighted. Also we will share an audit checklist to prepare for the visit.

We will meet all day on August 16th and for half a day on the 17th. We will send another email shortly and Region A meeting information will be posted on the nwhit.org site under Member College tab.

Hurdles:

Anthony: reporting and budgeting Y2. WA has surpassed 300 students. Concerns over survey fatigue with students. Anthony finally calls them on the phone.

Carol: sealing the deal with administrators/hospitals for corporate training. Dorine: concerned with curriculum release. She was able to sign up her husband with only a hotmail acct and no affiliation with a college. Patricia will send message regarding release of test question answers.

Jamie: wonders if the release will hinder their efforts with corporate training. RECs are encouraging people to start using the online training.

Mary: reporting, program offerings going well. Partnering with REC-not sure regarding who will cover the cost of instructors. Vouchers are going over better than expected.

Sue: 163 enrolled to date. Looking for employment for students, polling is time consuming.

Cindy: Also concerned over the curriculum being available. They are still charging ahead. Employee attestations are a bear. Not getting any response at all. May have to resort to a letter from Patricia from the region. Margaret says we are now collecting supervisor names on intake. So we will have recourse if we don't get a response from the students.

	Sometimes the Human Resources manager will be the easiest avenue and can sign for the entire group. You can also try contacting the person in charge of training at the institution. MT: reporting and attestation requirements are increasingly challenging.	
	<i>Next Region A Meeting July 7. Thanks!</i>	