NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PACE CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE CALL
Thursday, February 16, 2012

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Conference call was initiated by Dr. Shauna Sterling, Director, Office for Grants, NorthWest Arkansas Community College, Bentonville, Arkansas. Also present was Chris McRoberts, Lindsay Robinson and LaVeta Key, PACE Program, NorthWest Arkansas Community College and the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges represented by Mike Leach and Michelle Reed.

Also participating in the call were various representatives of Arkansas Two-Year Colleges from across the state.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR
Dr. Sterling introduced the new PACE Director, Mr. Chris McRoberts.

AATYC REGIONAL MEETINGS AND COACHES
Mike Leech announced the regional meetings and coaches for the workshops.
The math coaches will be doing regional workshops on March 5, 6 and 7. He will provide more information as it is available. Karen Wyrick and Betty Frost are the coaches.

The reading and writing workshop will be held on March 15 and 16. The coaches will be Peter Adams and Katy Kern. More information will be provided as it is available.

There will be a Prior Learning Assessment Workshop - How to Create Policy for Prior Learning which will be held in Beebe on March 5 and 6.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INFORMATION
There is a DOL workshop in Washington DC to be held the week of February 20. Grant progression, training and materials will be covered at this workshop. Questions regarding job splitting and job coordinators will be sought from the DOL while in DC.

Per DOL, implementation of the grant is scheduled for fall 2012.

PROGRESS AND INSPECTION MEASURES
Mr. McRoberts will need time to review the progress and inspection measures. He will be getting up to speed on the issues and the challenges relating to the grant.

REPORTING
Monthly 9159 TAACCCT reports are due on the 15th of each month for the month prior. Monthly reports should be sent to LaVeta Key, lkey@nwacc.edu. Finance reports are to be submitted to Lindsay Robinson, lrobinson2@nwacc.edu.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Question: Regarding the language of the Technical Proposal to adopt CAEL's ELA Program.

Answer: Will not change without approval from DOL.

Question about costs associated with the PLA and no budget. Will each institution absorb those costs and is there flexibility from the DOL?

Answer: $750 per student.

Question: Can professional development funds be utilized to see the emporium model.

Answer: Put it in writing and submit to see if it will fit within the guidelines.

Question: When will professional development process be in place?

Answer: It is in process.

A request was made to inquire into best practices from other areas.

NEXT CONFERENCE CALL

Thursday, February 8, 2012 at 2:00 pm.