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State Center AB86 Adult Education Consortia Executive/Voting Member Conference Call Monday, April 13, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

- Pat Flattley, *Central USD*
- Baljit Gill, *Caruthers USD*
- Randal Haggard, *Yosemite USD*
- Rich Ishimaru, *Kings Canyon USD*
- Andre Pecina, *Fresno USD*
- Nancy Penny, *Sanger USD*
- Dr. George Railey, *SCCCD*
- Ed Schmalzel, *Clovis USD*
- Drew Sylvia, *Selma USD* (voting only)
- Barbara Thiesen, *Dinuba USD*
- Sherri Watkins, *State Center Consortium*
- Shirley Woods, *Madera USD*
- Pang Vangyi, *State Center Consortium*
- Allyson Adams, *State Center Consortium*

Welcome

Sherri Watkins welcomed all attendees.

Consortium Fiscal Agent Discussion

Andre Pecina stated that Fresno Unified has agreed to be considered for the SCAEC fiscal agent. He reminded the members that if Fresno Unified becomes the fiscal agent, the consortia would be run as a charter.

A proposed staffing comparison between Fresno Unified and State Center was distributed to the members by email.

- The Fresno Unified proposal rolls both the Project Coordinator and Transitions Counselor positions into the Manager II position. Andre clarified that this was just a proposal and staffing would ultimately be decided by the executive members after determining the fiscal agency.
- All positions shown on the handout are already established in both FUSD and SCCC.
- Dr. Railey clarified that a portion of the Transitions Counselor salary (\$30,000) comes from the Perkins budget.
- Question: If FUSD becomes the fiscal agent, can the current office assistant be loaned to FUSD? Dr. Railey answered because the position is short-term and part-time, it would not extend beyond June 30, 2015.

- Andre stated that because SCAEC would be working as a charter with FUSD, positions could be loaned as the executive board deems necessary, in the same way Sherri and Pang's positions are now.

Motion: Barbara Thiesen motioned to have State Center Community College District remain as the fiscal agent. Ed Schmalzel seconded. A roll call vote was held. Result: 5 yes, 6 no.

Per SCAEC procedures, two 'no' votes result in additional discussion and a revote. The subsequent vote will pass or fail by majority rule.

Additional Discussion

- There was concern and discussion about perception. Some K-12 districts see the consortium as something that is run through the community college, because of the current fiscal agent. However, some districts feel that they have seen an increase in community college participation, in part because of the fiscal agent.
- It was pointed out that no matter which fiscal agent is chosen, the legislation requires that community colleges be involved. That does not change if FUSD becomes the fiscal agent.

Motion: Randy Haggard motioned to change the SCAEC fiscal agent to Fresno Unified School District. Nancy Penny seconded. A roll call vote was held. Result: 8 yes, 3 no. The motion passes.

ASAP Discussion

There is some question regarding whether or not grant funds can be used to purchase a software system. Sherri has been in contact with the grant monitor, who has requested additional cost information before making a final decision. The state is hesitant to let the consortium spend funds to move forward with ASAP because the state is developing its own system for consortia.

Question: If the software purchase is not allowed, can the MOU funds still be used to train staff? Sherri believes that would fall into the professional development category and would be fine.

Joel Meyer from ASAP joined the conference call. Sherri mentioned the grant monitor's hesitation to allow the consortium to upgrade to ASAP. Joel believes that no matter what happens at the state level ASAP can still provide a system where the consortium adult schools can share data with each other. Joel stated that the basic framework for a sharing system is in place. He now needs a 'wish list' of customizations that the consortia would like to incorporate. The members decided to send lists to Sherri so she can compile the information before sending it to Joel. His suggestions for beginning the wish list would be:

- Tracking migration of students from one adult school to another
- Programs that all members would coordinate on
- What the consortia like to track as far as progress, completion and performance

Question: With the amount of schools being brought into or upgrading to ASAP, would Joel be able to provide a break in the cost as well as some additional years of data migration at a reduced rate. Joel was open to the idea; he will send an updated proposal to Sherri, and she will distribute the information to all members. That proposal will also be the information the grant monitor needs to make a final decision.

Joel and many members left the meeting at this point. Sherri, Andre, Nancy and Pat remained to discuss possible wish list items:

- Which adult school students went on to community college, how many enrolled, how many were active, how many completed
- A way to track testing between adult schools
- A way to track students who take classes at different schools
- Unique identifier for students
- Tracking students in order to get credit for transition
- Mobile app with select information that can be easily pulled up during meetings, etc.
- Online gradebook
- Online version of 'beehive' form for independent study

Pat mentioned getting each districts' tech staff involved. They may have ideas that the members might not consider.

Other

Basic Skills/ESL Workshop, Friday, April 17, 2015

- The workshop is intended to bring adult schools together to discuss assessments, identify differences between schools, and identify when students transition. The goal is to have a strong common base between adult schools before adding in the college perspective.

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Member Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.

General Consortia Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.