



State Center Adult Education Consortium

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State Center AB86 Adult Education Consortia Executive/Voting Member Meeting Friday, March 13, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

- Baljit Gill, *Caruthers USD*
- Randal Haggard, *Yosemite USD*
- Rich Ishimaru, *Kings Canyon USD*
- Lori Morton, *State Center Consortium*
- Dr. George Railey, *SCCCD*
- Ed Schmalzel, *Clovis USD*
- Drew Sylvia, *Selma USD*
- Valerie Simpson, *Fresno USD*
- Barbara Thiesen, *Dinuba USD*
- Pang Vangyi, *State Center Consortium*
- Sherri Watkins, *State Center Consortium*
- Shirley Woods, *Madera USD*
- Elvira Navarro-Arellano, *State Center Consortium*

Welcome

Lori Morton welcomed all attendees.

Approval of 2/18/15 Meeting Minutes

Lori asked for approval of the minutes.

Motion: Drew Sylvia motioned to approve the minutes, and Dr. Railey seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Joint Oversight Committee Hearing - March 11, 2015

Lori Morton stated that she and Sherri Watkins were invited to participate on the Joint Oversight Committee Panel in Sacramento, California. State Center Adult Education Consortia was one of four consortia statewide, and the only Central Valley consortia, asked to give its' input. The hearing began with an overview of K-12 and community college adult education programs. The Governor's 2015-2016 Budget proposal, along with LAO alternatives, was discussed in length. The panel also spent time discussing the allocation committees: how they are formed; how they will work; and whether they would be strictly advisory.

Each of the four invited consortia gave a report on the challenges and successes of their areas. Lori and Sherri stressed the challenges specific to the size and diversity of our area in comparison to other consortia. They also reported on the Educational Pathways Retreat at Tenaya Lodge, sharing how important the collaborative nature of the event was to our region.

MOU Reimbursement

Lori reminded all member districts to submit invoices for reimbursement by March 31, 2015. She also requested that members estimate their expenditures between April 1 and June 30, 2015 in order to release unencumbered funds to other budget areas. Her recommendation is that estimated expenditures should not exceed 20% of the total district allocation, which would be \$2000.00.

Consortium Fiscal Agency

Valerie Simpson spoke for Andre Pecina. Andre contacted his district, Fresno Unified, and they are interested in discussing becoming the fiscal agent for SCAEC. He would like to table this item until after he can meet with the district and gather more information.

Motion: Dr. Railey motioned to approve tabling the fiscal agent discussion. Randy Haggard seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Performance Period Extension

The performance period extension will run through August 31, 2015. At this point, no additional funding will be provided. SCAEC has only budgeted through June 30, 2015, so unencumbered funds become very important to stretching the budget. Lori also spoke with our grant monitor, Neil Kelly, who mentioned that they may allow some consortia to extend their planning period through December 31, 2015. If we choose to extend for that period, a work plan would have to be submitted. Neil expects details for all of these options to be released by the end of March.

- Transitional Activities
 - CAT Meetings

Sherry distributed a handout showing the SCCC/SCAEC service area, specifying which adult schools feed into which colleges. She asked for corrections and input from the members. From this information, she intends to form Collaborative Action Teams (CAT).

The comment was made that rather than forming teams by region, it may be more effective to bring all involved in a certain program area together to align curriculum. For example, adult school ESL programs would compare classes and assessments, and work toward aligning, while community college ESL programs do the same. Once they are aligned at that level, then adult schools and community colleges would meet to discuss further alignment. A meeting date of April 17, 2015 was decided on to discuss Basic Skills/ESL alignment.

Final Report Review

The final report has been distributed by email to all board members. Lori will get quotes on having bound copies printed for the executive board.

Other

Lori proposed postponing the next General Consortia meeting until after the May revision of the Governor's Budget.

Motion: Barbara Thiesen motioned to change the next General Consortia meeting to Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. and Drew Sylvia seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Member Meeting – Friday, March 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Basic Skills/ESL Assessment Alignment Meeting – Friday, April 17, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

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