

EEDW Project Advisory Team Meeting
October 12, 2022
Meeting Notes

In attendance: David Bowman, Steve Sanchez, Eric Arpelar, Jaime Cherry, Veronica Sanders, Ricky Williams

1. *Welcome*
2. Introduction to Eric Arpelar – EEDW HED Coordinator
3. Higher Education Outreach, strategies, immediate actions
 - D. Bowman asked about potential barriers if students were interested in an IT pathway, what if they are limited due to lack of IT courses. Can they then take a class at a school? If the schools took on these courses, it would expand their classes. If providing these courses, can a high school provide?
 - J. Cherry was concerned if the students took these classes at a school, they would miss out on the college experience which is important for the project. She said even though the classes are on line, the students still meet on line and they can also interact with professors as well.
 - Dr. Sanchez agreed with Jaime on this. He appreciated E. Arpelar's comments on teachers obtaining endorsements in dual credit instruction and getting their Masters. Perhaps there could be funding for this. Dr. Sanchez agreed and mentioned there would be an excess of funding for PD this year. Perhaps discuss this with Sharon...
 - There was much discussion regarding funding for teachers who teach dual credit courses outside the course of their regular school day, whether at their school or another institution. Would be a great incentive to acquire more instructors. Would need to discuss with state representatives about funding for this. It would be in the best interests for the student, state, and parents.
 - Feedback would need to be coordinated between high schools and HE schools regarding the need for support for the student. Larger colleges do not respond to incoming students or feel they need to babysit them at that setting. Community colleges are better for that. Mr. Williams said that most colleges have a Dual Credit counselor to help with this. Dr. Sanchez said there needs to be more financial incentives for schools to take these classes on.
4. Video Production Update – LEARNNM out of Alamogordo will be creating the videos. They have a lot of experience and am looking forward to seeing the final product. The videos will be put on REC-1 YouTube site.
5. Evaluation topics – Per the feds, NS4Ed is not to do portions of the evaluation since they are the authors of the project. Contract is being amending to include Rand to take over some of the components. The Study design is currently being amended and will need approval. Also need to get IRB approved.

The meeting ended with Dr.'s Sanchez and Williams thanking the director, HE and ECHS coordinators for all the hard work they do with students who live in rural areas.