



Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1
Working for the Future

EEDW PAT MEETING
November 9, 2022

Attendees: David Bowman, Steve Sanchez, Ricky Williams, Jaime Cherry, Gabriela Alaniz, Eric Arpelar.

Discussion on replacement for Alexandra Lutz – not official, but will be Milo McMinn from Aztec.

1. Welcome and discussion

2. Updates on Evaluation – David Bowman

Received the final executed piece of the evaluation and it is signed by NS4Ed. IMB asked about the evaluation. It was explained to them about the changes that had to be made and that we would move forward next semester.

Moved to Item #6 - David Bowman for Veronica Sanders. Now that the evaluation process has been completed, Veronica will move forward with increasing school participation. The district support for the schools that have signed on will increase next year as none of them has spent any of the money as of yet. District support began at \$20,000 and will increase to \$40,000. Some options this could provide would be to contract an adjunct teacher for the classes in need if there is not any instructor at the school. Ms. Alaniz mentioned they pay \$4,000 per session – she said they are having problem finding instructors as well. She mentioned even though the instructors are able to teach a class, DACC requires them to be certified in that course. Mr. Bowman asked if someone outside could teach the class, but keep an on-campus teacher of record. Ms. Alaniz said DACC would not allow that. Mr. Arpelar suggested looking to the surrounding high schools in the event a computer science teacher would be interested in teaching. She said she would look into that, but DACC would have to approve. Mr. Bowman said if DACC can't bring on a teacher, then it should be okay to go to another institution. Mr. Williams mentioned that when he was at Las Cruces they would send teachers to programs during the summer for additional certification. He said Wendy might have a list of those participants. Mr. Bowman said Mr. Arpelar can help with this as well.

3. Follow-up from High Education Work Group – Eric Arpelar

The first meeting with this group took place Monday, November 7, 2022. The colleges represented were: Dr. Steve Cox: Northern NM College - Director IT Programming, Pam Cornelison: Clovis CC - Director of Educational Partnerships/Dual Credit

Jon Juarez: Dona Ana CC - Computer and IT Department Chair,
Dr. Mark Cal- NMSU Alamogordo - Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate
Campus Director
Dr. Jeannie M. Baca- UNM Taos - Associate Dean
Dr. Adrienne Forgette - San Juan College – Vice-President of Student Learning
Daniel Kerr - Dona Ana CC – IT Student Support Services & Advisement
Hank Hargis – ENMU Ruidoso - Director of Student Services / VASCO
Marcos Maez – SFCC - Director of Student Engagement & Recruitment

Meeting was very productive ranging from marketing issues to student and teacher success. Suggested ECHS's to have extracurricular activities/Academic Competitions, Online Orientation to help students know what the parameters are, how to be an online student and to learn about deadlines, etc.

Notes from this meeting can be found at: <http://eedw.nmrec1.org/higher-education-working-group>

4. & 5. Follow up from Business Advisory Committee and Video Production– Jaime Cherry
She has been working with Scott Hester, videographer. Filming will begin next week on Nov 14-15 at Oso Grande. She said it was difficult at first to find people willing to give up their time for this, but she has been able to find some. She said the videos will be of high quality. It was discussed having a video interview with a Spanish speaker, but since the videographer is not bilingual, it would be difficult for the editing of the film. She will look into subtitles. Mr. Bowman mentioned there are 2 main languages in this state and to try to include many more languages might seem to political or inclusive. Mr. Sanchez agreed with the subtitles for Spanish speakers but said it may be problematic to exclude native languages.

Ms. Cherry said the filming would take place throughout the state. This will help bring in a more diverse and unique look at career opportunities state wide. She said it has been difficult finding women in this field. She said we could do more than 30 if others are found. Mr. Bowman said there would be funding for this if needed for next year.

It was decided to table Item #7 until next meeting which will be January 11, 2023. Mr. Bowman asked attendees to come up with specific ideas for strategies to engage students and creating a sense of belonging.