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Grants Consortium Meeting Notes October 2015

In attendance: Bellevue (David Rust); Boone County (Anna Marie Tracy); Bracken County (Jeff Aulick, Amy Jefferson, Erin Conley, Cindy Cummins); Dayton (Ron Kinmon, Rick Wolf); Erlanger-Elsmere (Chad Molley); Ludlow (Mike Borchers); Newport (Diane Hatfield); Pendleton County (Tony Dietrich); Williamstown (Misty Middleton); NKCES (Linda Alford, Vicki Dansberry, Kristina Fuller); NKU (Jen Stansbury Koenig)

District Reports

Anna Marie Tracy discussed the \$375,000 Project Aware grant Boone County Schools received to promote Youth Mental Health First Aid and said courses would be available open to anyone who wants to promote mental health in youth ages 12 – 18 and freshmen in college

Grant Status

- **Campbell County Alliance Drug Free Communities award** – This grant for \$125,000 per year is hiring a coordinator through NKCES. The co-op is the fiscal agent, and project direction and management will be done by the Alliance. The grant is to provide substance abuse prevention services throughout all schools and communities in Campbell County.
- **I3 Professionalizing the Role of Principals and I3 Measuring Student Success Skills for Students with Disabilities** – These two grants were submitted and Vicki received an invitation to apply to some major foundations to see about the matching funds. She did the submissions to gauge interest from major foundations in these two projects. We expect notification in late November or December.
- **School Academic Liaison Grant** – Vicki and the co-op folks have been working on this one to submit on Monday, October 12. This would allow the co-op to hire a school academic liaison, who would work with the focus schools that have the largest gaps between all students and students with disabilities. Using 2014-2015 data, these turned out to be the following middle schools: Tichenor, RA Jones, Ludlow, and Sharp.
- **Counseling grant travel** – Vicki reported about her recent trip to present with the ESSC team at the International Association for Counselling (I know, but that's how they spell it) conference and upcoming travel October 20-23 to the project directors' meeting for the ESSC grants.

Grant News

- **A new location** is needed since NKU has sold the METS Center. We will have our next meeting at METS but that will be our last one. Chad Molley said he'd look into Erlanger, and Vicki suggested NKCES since we now have two representatives from the farther eastern side of the co-op. The idea of a later start in a different location was discussed and the group agreed that, starting December, we would begin at 10:30 AM. A decision on location will be announced in November.
- **Grants Administrator** – Amy Razor, our new Executive Director, has asked Vicki to look into contracting with someone to serve as Grants Administrator, filling the Project Director role for our major grants. A contract description is attached. Please contact Vicki with recommendations, or pass the description along to interested parties.
- **Tier 1 discussions**– Vicki was contacted to see if there would be interest in working with a group that is designing a research project with the Office of Naval Research. A summary of the project is attached. It has to do with preparing students for computer science by promoting high-level mathematics studies. Please review the summary (file name: The Challenge) and call Vicki with questions or thoughts.
- **Brighton Center discussion** – Vicki met with the grants representative of Brighton Center to promote shared work with this group.
- **Arts support through Carnegie** – This group will provide low-cost (negotiable for districts with need) art classes tied to standards in your school. The list was emailed previously but it will be attached here, too.
- **Letters of Support for NKU grants** – Jen Stansbury Koenig described a grant from Gail Wells at NKU. They are looking for letters of support from each district. This grant would provide \$8,000 plus additional stipends and materials for teachers who participate in a study related to computer science. A summary of the grant and a variety of letters for your superintendent to choose from is attached. Districts that selected a letter at the meeting will receive that specific letter separately. **If you do not receive a separate letter, please choose one of the attached ones here, have the superintendent sign it, and send it to wells@nku.edu by October 17.**
- **FYI only** – Amy signed a letter of support from another faculty member at NKU for a grant to study a system of working with students on the Autism Spectrum. The letter committed us to letting districts know about the project if it is received.
- **ITEST** – This grant is due November 13, 2015 and August 19, 2016. The group discussed prior planning efforts that had stalled for a project related to engineering. Other ideas suggested included converting Boone County's Youth Career Connect grant or doing something with the Maker Center. Most of the challenges in developing this grant, as well as other research grants, are related to not having strong relationships with researchers in areas of interest to districts. Vicki will send a letter to researchers to identify partners and areas of interests. We will spend time at the end of each future meeting working toward an August application.

NEXT MEETING

**10 AM NOVEMBER 2, 2015
METS CENTER**