

NKCES Grants Consortium

Meeting Notes

January 6, 2016

10:30 AM, Ensor Annex, Erlanger

In attendance: Bellevue (David Rust); Boone County (Anna Marie Tracy); Dayton (Rick Wolf); Erlanger-Elsmere (Mary Burch, Chad Molley, Matt Engel); Newport (Diane Hatfield); Pendleton County (Laura Pugh); Silver Grove (Ken Ellis); Williamstown (Misty Middleton); NKU (Jen Stansbury Koenig); NKCES (Amy Razor, Linda Alford, Vicki Dansberry)

District Reports on Grants

Bellevue, Newport, Boone County and Pendleton County reported that they are working on 21st CCLC grants. Vicki Dansberry noted the improved quality of work from prior years in the ones she has seen.

Vicki mentioned that in the past month she has provided support in Bracken County (KySTE), Erlanger (Laura Bush Librarian), and to the districts submitting 21st CCLC grants.

Grant Status

21st CCLC: due January 14.

Assessment for Learning: Vicki submitted December 10 on behalf of all Consortium districts. Notification will be in spring. This is to provide mindfulness training to teachers as a reflective self-assessment; teachers would then pass along the learned practices to students.

KySTE: submitted from Bracken County, December 15.

Laura Bush Librarian: submitted from Erlanger-Elsmere, December 18.

I3 scores were received and have been sent to the people involved in planning/writing. The Measuring Student Success Skills for Students with disabilities project received an average score of 84; the Professionalizing the Role of Principals received an average score of 75. The folks who worked on this will get together to talk about how to improve in case this is offered again and to discuss finding other funding for the projects.

Project AWARE report: submitted and revised, January 1. This project is taking off very successfully. The NKCES grant has trained five of the six Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructors required, and 183 of the 250 First Aiders required, in just the first year of the two-year project.

OPPORTUNITY: Anna Marie Tracy reported that Boone County has received a larger grant (\$350,000) this year for a similar Youth Mental Health First Aid project and will need to train about 60 Instructors and a large number of First Aiders. She is willing to open this training to other districts as space allows. She will be holding a training for 30 Instructors March 7 – 11 at Boone County Public Library's main branch in Burlington. She asked interested districts to contact her as soon as possible for information about participating. You can reach her at annamarietracy@boone.kyschools.us or 859-334-3792.

Drug Free Communities programs grant RFP's have been released. Check with your county's substance abuse prevention coalition if you would like input into their plans. For continuation grants, this needs to be done asap since they are due very soon. For new grants (Pendleton

County is working on one) the grant is due March 18. Vicki encouraged districts to think in terms of smaller communities that could apply for the future. The grant is \$125,000 a year for up to five years for a wide range of drug prevention activities.

Grant News

Upcoming Speakers: Patricia Kanappel of REL/CNA was scheduled today but had to reschedule for April. February: Tim Hanner and Rhett Barbour of Navigo and Torchprep, respectively. March: Jen Hansert of Brighton Center. April: Patricia Kanappel, REL/CNA. Contact Vicki if there are others you would like to hear from.

ESSC Secondary Grant Final Report was submitted December 30. A group from the completed grant will meet to talk about what worked, what we liked, and what we could do differently if the grant is offered again. This also brought up a discussion of doing this for current grants and sharing information at the Grants Consortium so we all are current about what is happening with our grants. Vicki will schedule something with current ESSC grants at a future Consortium meeting.

Federal Budget Vicki obtained a copy of the Federal Budget that was passed and is trying to analyze it as to what might happen with Federal grants. Currently, the Project Officer of the counseling grant in Washington says they do not know if they will be offering an RFP. She also said the PEP grant does not know. Vicki will be watching for developments.

Meanwhile, Vicki is analyzing plans from our prior grants that were not funded to break them into smaller increments to possibly obtain foundation funding. She will have a summary to share in the near future. The Federal Budget does not look very promising; if they do have ESSC or PEP, they will be smaller amounts, and she did not see many new promising programs for us. She also is not anticipating a big jump in state funding. So she is planning in a new direction to ensure we keep funding new and exciting programming to support the work you are doing with our schools, administrators, teachers and students.

NEXT MEETING

February 3, 2016, 10:30 AM

**Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education
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