



Beechwood
Independent

Bellevue
Independent

Bracken County

Boone County

Covington
Independent

Dayton
Independent

Erlanger-Elsmere
Independent

Gateway Comm.
& Tech College

Ludlow
Independent

Newport
Independent

Northern
Kentucky
University

Pendleton
County

Silver Grove
Independent

Southgate
Independent

Williamstown
Independent

NKCES Grants Consortium

Meeting Notes

June 1, 2016

10:30 AM, Erlanger-Elsmere BOE

In attendance: Bracken County (Jeff Aulick); Erlanger-Elsmere (Mary Burch, Matt Engel); Newport (Diane Hatfield, Paul Baker); Pendleton County (Tony Dietrich); Silver Grove (Ken Ellis); NKU (Jen Stansbury Koenig); NKCES (Linda Alford, Vicki Dansberry); Visitor: Patricia Kannapel of CNA/REL

Speaker: Patricia Kannapel, CNA, discussed the capacity of CNA for evaluation and research. She also described how REL can contribute to our work. Handout attached.

Grant Reports from Districts: Silver Grove applied for a library grant through Snapdragon Foundation. Newport applied for 6 Learning Links, 3 Dollar General, the Innovative Approaches to Literacy grants and they were awarded \$36,000 for crumb rubber for landscaping. Erlanger-Elsmere applied for Dollar General. Bracken County received two \$2,000 grants from RC Durr Technology for Rural Schools.

Grant Status

- Food Service Equipment awards (\$25,000 each) were awarded to Bellevue, Dayton, and Newport
- Drug Free Communities still pending: Bracken (Comprehend) and Williamstown (Grant County).
- Durr Foundation Rural Schools Technology (\$2,000 each) also went to Pendleton County (\$3 grants) and Williamstown
- Innovative Approaches to Literacy application was submitted for Dayton, Erlanger, Silver Grove and Williamstown. Announcement expected September 30.
- Dollar General: Several grants in various districts submitted.
- Carol M. White Physical Education Program submitted for Dayton, Erlanger, Ludlow, Silver Grove, and Williamstown. Announcement expected September 30.
- Laura Bush Librarian: Pending for Erlanger-Elsmere
- IES Research-Practitioner Partnership is in development. A summary was distributed (attached.)

- Investing in Innovation (i3): Pre-application was submitted. Last year, Bellevue, Erlanger, Ludlow, Pendleton County and Williamstown were in the submission. We will need new letters for the full app, likely due in August. More info later.

Grant News

- The group discussed the importance of periodically updating grants.gov and SAM to ensure that everything is current. A couple districts recently ran into serious issues because email addresses had changed or an identified person was not available to make the application.
- Seeking ideas for speakers for future meetings. If you know someone who could contribute to our body of knowledge, let Vicki know.
- Skyward asked for technical assistance about building a grant writing position or freelance opportunity.
- Discuss 16/13 issues: Some grants are arising that offer opportunities that might involve all co-op districts, but need to be designed to benefit our thirteen members. Vicki noted that she is working on this on a case-by-case basis.
- Discuss small grant issues: Vicki noted that there might be times where a major grant could be broken down to smaller amounts for foundation applications. A discussion revolved around the appropriateness of Vicki applying for single districts through these; the group decided it would be best for Vicki to create templates for this type of project that district staff could use to apply to foundations.
- ZooU: An opportunity to sign onto a grant from RTI has arisen to use this social-emotional learning online application. Subscription fees would be waived and a letter of support would be needed. The attached summary describes the benefits of ZooU.
- Evaluation pool: Patricia Kannapel noted that it might be a good idea to issue a Request for Qualifications for evaluators/researchers and create a pool of potential evaluators for future grant use. She offered a model she has seen used before. The group discussed the possibility and agreed that a modified RFQ might be a good idea. Vicki will work on this.

This was the last meeting for Ken Ellis and Jen Stansbury Koenig. Ken is retiring and Jen will be working for UC Evaluation Services Center. We appreciate all their efforts over the last years and wish them well in their new situations!

NEXT MEETING
July 6, 10:30 am
Erlanger-Elsmere Board of Education
500 Graves Ave, Erlanger KY 41018