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Meeting with Helen Carroll at Children Inc, August 7: Executive Director Mrs. Amy Razor, Superintendent Mr. Alvin Garrison, and Ms. Shannon Starkey attended a meeting at Children Inc. with Mr. Tim Hanner to interview Ms. Helen Carroll for the position of Navigo Connector. The committee was united in the decision that Ms. Carroll's experiences made her the perfect candidate to hire for this position and she would add tremendous value to the region through this role.

Meeting with Mr. Doug Roberts, Chronic Absenteeism Workshop Planning, August 9: Collaborative planning with Boone County Team to learn more about an opportunity to provide support to students, parents and educators through positive interaction via technology. We will be scheduling a workshop in the fall for the region to learn more about the resource(free of charge).

GrowNKY CCR Pillar Meeting, August 9: The meeting was led by Ms. Polly Page and the goals were changed from the original meeting to include baseline measures. Dr. David Rust and Dr. Karen Cheser gave input into the current goals and Dr. Rust drafted the overall goal to share with the committee.

GrowNKY VIP Launch, August 13: Executive Director Razor attended the pre-launch event held for committee members and key community members to introduce the new GrowNKY space and the benefits to the region.

Coffee with the Commissioner, August 14: Executive Director Razor, along with many of the region's Superintendents, attended this event which was coordinated by Dr. Randy Poe. There were many great questions asked by superintendents present which led to a very informative conversation. NKCES will continue to work with the Commissioner's office to determine a date on which he can visit our Cooperative.

GROW NKY/College Pillar Discussion and Oversight Committee, August 15: Executive Director Razor attends these meetings and the current request is to find an agreed-upon measure. The committee has discussed creating a regional profile of a graduate that may be a broader view for our work with students but could guide businesses on experiences/resources needed and also our aligned regional goals. Another critical measure considered is to increase the number of apprenticeships/experiential learning opportunities for students so that they can have awareness of opportunities that are available to them in our region.

Telephone Conference with Mr. Tom Strasburger of Public School Works, August 16: Mr. Strasburger, VP at Public School Works, reached out and spoke to Executive Director Razor to discuss NKCES and future partnerships, as well as the upcoming NCERT Conference.

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Thought Exchange and Ignite Telephone Conference, August 16: Executive Director Razor participated in a conference call with Dr. Jim Detwiler and Mr. Dave Fleischer in regard to the use of Thought Exchange from a regional perspective for Ignite.

NKYES Board Member Reception, August 16: Executive Director Razor attended a reception as NKY welcomes Randy Poe, Chair, and new board members: Superintendents Mike Borchers and Henry Webb, along with Mr. Mike Sipple, Mr. Brian Griffin, and Ms. Claire Paterson. It was also a time to thank board members transitioning off for their service, such as Superintendent Kathy Burkhardt. We appreciate her service and the service of those who will be coming on to the board.

GrowNKY Grand Opening, August 20: Executive Director Razor attended the open house event held for committee members and key community members to introduce the new GrowNKY space and the benefits to the region. Superintendent Burkhardt also attended the open house.

Meeting with Mr. Mike Sipple, Jr., August 21: Executive Director Razor met with Mr. Sipple to share our revised mission and vision for NKCES, as he wanted to learn more about the work with superintendents in the region.

Ignite Meeting with Mr. Dave Fleischer, August 22: Continued discussion on how to use Thought Exchange and discussed current projects at NKCES.

DoSE Advisory Meeting, August 22: Executive Director Razor attended the DoSE advisory meeting to offer her support and to explain the current transition plan. There was a time for questions and ongoing dialogue, which was very transparent and beneficial. A strong plan was developed and agreed upon to support the region.

NKCES Building Renovation Meeting with Mr. Joe Hayes of RHI and Mr. Jon Stratton, August 23: A meeting was held so that Greybauch could update progress on the building renovations. Additionally, Mr. Hayes shared colors and building products/designs that would be used. A color and design board is available for superintendents to view.

DoSe Meeting, August 24: Superintendent Garrison and Executive Director Razor attended the DoSE meeting to welcome the directors back to a great school year and to explain the current transition plan. There was time for questions, and districts were

thanked for their support through this transition as NKCES continues to provide ongoing and quality support."

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Meeting with Dr. Abdullah Al-Bahrani, August 28: Executive Director Razor met with Dr. Al-Bahrani as he requested a meeting to discuss the Economic Center's growth and vision for support of school districts. The Center is also developing a proposal to be micro-credentialed in the area of financial literacy that would benefit both graduate level students and also high school students (as they would receive college credit also).

Special Education Update:

New DoSE Joining the Region- We have had several transitions in our network and are excited to welcome Mrs. Marta Scott as the new Assistant Director of Special Education in Kenton County.

DoSE Advisory Committee: The DoSE Advisory group met on August 22 and reviewed plans for the upcoming academic year. They stated their support for the current leadership plan and offered to help during the transition by attending additional state meetings.

IDEA Grant- NKCES submitted the IDEA Grant Application with recommended revisions to KDE on July 30. KDE has stated they plan to wait to make final decisions on IDEA grants for 2018-2019 until they have reviewed every Co-op's grant proposal. The last review was scheduled to happen on August 27 and we are awaiting word on their approvals of our grant.

Regional DoSE- On August 13, Mrs. Diane Hatfield and Dr. Laura Clarke attended the state Co-op Directors meeting in Frankfort and brought back key information to the region. State co-op directors stated their support for our staff during this year of transition and shared resources and suggestions for ways our co-ops can continue to build capacity across the state to support special education initiatives.

IEP Compliance trainings- Dr. Kim Weber and Dr. Laura Clarke provided more than 27 hours of IEP Compliance trainings for districts. In addition, Dr. Dusty Columbia Embury provided 12 hours of IEP trainings for regional teachers. An additional three fall IEP trainings for the region are upcoming.

Threat Assessment Train the Trainer: NKCES sent Dr. Laura Clarke, Dr. Patrick Richardson, and Ms. Tabatha Marsh from RSP to the Co-op sponsored Threat Assessment Training in Lexington on August 14-16. An October 16 date has been secured for a regional training. This training will be facilitated by Dr. Clarke and Dr.

Richardson.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training: Dr. Laura Clarke and Literacy Consultant Ms. Alison Teegarden attended this Train the Trainer workshop on August 28-30 in Frankfort. This training was sponsored by

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KDE as part of the KY AWARE grant and is part of the Co-op Behavior RTI initiatives across the state. This training is a complement to the Trauma Informed Care work and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Interconnected Systems Framework (ISF) initiatives that are part of the PBIS and wraparound school supports for students with challenging behaviors and behavior disorders served under IDEA

VI Services- For the 2018-2019 SY, our program will serve approximately 35 students with visual impairments. Currently services and evaluations are underway to start the school year. Ft. Thomas has added VI services and the funding formula is being reworked to account for a change in total number of school districts and students participating in this program.

Professional Learning (PL) Update:

August Professional Learning: NKCES provided a total of 79 professional learning opportunities during the month of August serving 1,120 educators.

Fall Professional Learning: NKCES will provide a comprehensive menu of professional learning focused on academics, culture and climate, and special education.

Continuous Improvement/eProve - NKCES is partnering with KDE to host this training on October 16 in our training room.

Mind Shift: Moving from a Culture of Teaching to a Culture of Learning - NKCES is partnering with KDE's Continuous Improvement Coaches to provide this training on December 6 at Ralph Rush Center.

Professional Learning Communities (PLCs): NKCES will support nine PLCs for the upcoming school year including: Arts & Humanities, Media Specialists, English Learners, Physical Education, Preschool, School Counselors, Special Education Consultants, Special Education Teachers and Instructional Coaches. PLCs provide opportunities for educators to grow professionally in a collaborative environment focused on collective learning.

Regional Schools Program (RSP) Update:

RSP and NKU's partnership for the fall is getting ready to begin on 9/14/18.

Kitchen update: Currently awaiting the hood installation.

Committees are already working on our Fall Festival, which the NKU students plan to assist with as well; and our Fall Career Fair!

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Excited to announce that RSP was selected as the recipient of the “Kroger Personal Finance Community Service Project” . We just received notification that we were selected. More details to come, but this will most likely occur in the springtime. Thank you to Ms. Marsh who put RSP in for this potential opportunity! They requested a full “wish list” during the process, and as it gets closer they will inform us of the budget and we then prioritize options at that time. This could be a variety of items from painting classrooms, trauma sensitive light covers, sensory items, gym work, etc.

English Learners (EL) Program Update:

The EL Consultants presented K-5 and 6-12 sessions of *Engaging English Language Learners* at the Fort Thomas Independent Schools PD Academy on the 10th and 13th. We would be glad to present a session for your school or district as well. Please contact either EL Consultant to make arrangements. Our Kagan for ELs Workshop has reached capacity. We plan to offer additional PD opportunities to meet your needs and welcome your input.

Our Title III Application has been submitted in GMAP. PSPs have been developed for all returning students. We are currently assessing new students and developing their PSPs and meeting with administrators, teachers, and parents to ensure that students’ language needs are being met. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to serve your districts.

NKY Institute for Arts Education (NKIAE):

Letters regarding funds to implement arts integration at participating schools have been sent to superintendents, district finance officers, and school principals. Teacher participants have received feedback on the arts-integrated plans they developed during our summer workshop, and they are now scheduling follow-up meetings and classroom observations with Project Manager Mr. Joe Bertucci. Participants can engage in an online forum and participate in arts experiences throughout the year to continue their professional learning. National Arts in Education Week is September 9 -15.

Grant Consortium Update:

KDE/Duke Energy Foundation: The \$25,000 received from Duke for the career connection plan will be augmented with funding from the state. These funds

contributed to the hiring of our Career Connector, Ms. Helen Carroll.

Innovative Approaches to Literacy: Three proposals were submitted for \$750,000 per year for three years (for each proposal), announcement pending in late September/ early October.

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Full Service Community Schools: Proposals were submitted by Covington (1) and Erlanger-Elsmere (2) for this funding that will provide \$500,000 each year for 5 years to enhance collaboration among schools and community members in support of school and life achievement, announcement pending in September/October.

KDE Preschool Partnership: Member districts submitted ten proposals for this critical funding. Awards announcements are anticipated from KDE by September 10.