

Shop Talk Agenda

Adult Basic and Literacy Education

April 20, 2010

Elevate America

- Large statewide Kick-Off Event encouraging folks to request a voucher for one of the training certificates listed in the PowerPoint (each voucher will have a numerical code in lieu of a credit card) without the vouchers courses would cost \$100s of dollars and the tests would be around \$100
- Partners include MSU Extension, two-year high education, tribal colleges, one-stops, and ABLE
 - Coordinated by Extension agents
 - Partners job: schedule time for folks to come in and take the 30 minute test
- 2500 vouchers-folks will complete all the work at home
- Role of the partners is to provide a proctor when come into take the test
- Training for proctor (45 minute Webinar)
- Great advertising for ABLE-set up as a Certiport for 90 days
- Demonstrate our commitment in supporting this effort to increase the number of technology literate citizens
- Carol will send out an e-mail asking for your commitment to participate

Gathering Data: Race Ethnicity Reporting/Goal setting

- Remember you won't see the new page in MABLE until July 1st, but you should begin updating race/ethnicity for students that you know will be continuing their enrollment after July 1. Paper updates can be entered after this date. (See April 6, 2010, e-mail for link to information on the OPI's work in this area)
- Goal setting spreadsheet (due June 30th)
 - Demonstrates our commitment to monitoring goal setting

Professional Development Updates

- Grant awards Congratulation
 - GED Online: Anaconda, LVA Bitterroot, Bozeman, Flathead Valley, Havre, Livingston, Miles City, Missoula
 - PEP Talk: Anaconda, LVA Bitterroot, Bozeman, Flathead Valley, Hardin, Havre, Lewistown, Livingston, Miles City, Missoula
- PEP Talk Meetings
 - Cindy Lewis has almost completed the trainings
 - Summary report will be released in June/July
 - PEP Talk continues to be a topic of discussion at the state level
- Teaching Excellence in Adult Literacy (TEAL)
 - No request from the field
 - MUSWA can provide the foundation at this point
 - Feedback will be gathered from participants
- Standards-in-Action
 - National training-one state meeting (KICK Off Event)-regional meetings

- Unique model (three regions)
- End of May completed innovation one (unpacking –identifying the skills, concepts needed, cognitive demand and sample activity for each standard)
- Developing materials, featured on Blog, and recognized by DC in what we have accomplished
 - Condensed standards on LINCS
- Comments?
- Leadership Academy
 - Completed-at a later date we can determine how we can share ideas and materials developed

Meetings/Conferences

- Site monitoring visits are being completed
 - Follow-up reports will be sent to each program
 - State will gather information to enhance the process after the reports are completed
- Connect Pro Meeting-May
 - NRS table
- Performance-Based Funding
 - Beginning stages-one meeting
 - MPR will build models for the task force to review
 - Minutes from the first meeting will be disseminated
- Best Practice for Two-Year Programs
 - Kalispell, May 20-21
- Northwest Area Foundation Grant
 - FVCC selected to explore the I-Best model
- TABE/BEST Plus Training (both will begin at 9:00 AM-Ending at 3:30 PM)
 - Assessment Policy updated included
 - Trainer can bring back information
- Montana ESOL Conference (begins at 9:00 AM on the 20th)
 - May 20th-21st
 - Beneficial to all practitioners
- Data Quality
 - October 6-7
 - Working with data-presenters from American Institute of Research
- MOA Working Group
 - Focus on five areas (Billings, Missoula, Great Falls, Butte, Helena)

MABLE

- Response from field helped programming

Updates from the U.S. Department

- Assessment Policy approved
- Performance targets have been approved-final copy will be forwarded
- Reauthorization-may be a bill in the coming weeks
 - Secretary's goal is to undertake new activities
 - Teacher Quality-teacher quality symposium this summer
 - Webinar for state directors will follow the symposium

- New models for serving immigrant professionals
 - Changes to NRS (build on strengths)
 - Meeting for state directors perhaps this summer-result of the WIA conversations
- Allocation
 - 2010 reflects funds over payment
 - Proposed allocation \$1,255,888 (add one-time \$22,000, and carry over) ABLE
 - \$60,000 EL Civics
 - Extension applications will be sent beginning May-narrative will be due end of May
 - Budget summary will be due at a later date (depending progress of the Performance-Based Funding task force)