

DESERT REGIONAL CONSORTIUM MEETING  
HILTON – SAN BERNARDINO  
May 21, 2007  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Ron Vito and introductions were made by all in attendance (26).

**II. Updates:  
Occupational Deans**

Reviewed program approvals from several colleges. Palo Verde—Pharmacy Tech, first and second read. Victor Valley—Environmental Technology, certificate and degree, second read. Riverside—Business & Finance, a Business Administration Concentration, second read. Valley College—Corrections certificate, first and second read. Barstow—Logistics program will be completed in Fall 2007. Copper Mountain presented six programs for information only, will bring them to September meeting for first read (Child Development/ECE, Solar Technician, Electrical/Electronics, Applied Business management-Military, Business Office Administration, Computer Information Systems Web Designer)

**CCCAOE**

The Fall Conference will be October 10-12, 2007, at the Doral in Palm Springs. Queen Hamilton asked for presentations/ideas for the Fall conference. She went to the National Conference for CTE, learned more about Perkins IV grant. Most states felt we would have to assess (by 3<sup>rd</sup> party) all students in all programs. Some felt it was an “either/or” plan.

**Contract Education/EWD**

Robert Levesque said Allied Health is one of the booming areas, there is a critical shortage of instructors. Scott Hammer referred to his handout/newsletter. Professional Development opportunities will involve vocational faculty/basic skills, internships, working with businesses, etc. They re-applied for grant, had competition, but were successful. They appreciate the support from the region 9 colleges.

Marshall Gartenlaub talked about sequencing courses (articulation was our interpretation of this, but that’s not what it is). There was some discussion about not being sure how to do this. Pathways have to be more specific; related to high school program. Make it clear to student that if they take these courses, they can proceed to a community college program. Ron Vito stated it seems to have elements of AB2448, which Marshall confirmed. It was requested that we get minutes from the state meetings. There are two committees working on this—CTE Resource Group, and Joint Advisory Committee on CTE (3 from Board of Governors and 3 from K-12), working on approving Transition Plan for Perkins.

Rick provided an update on the southern Region articulation workshop with high schools, colleges and ROC/Ps on May 4, 2007; there were 65 participants and 28 agreements are now pending.

**CalWORKs**

There is \$9 million statewide from Work Study that they are working on implementing—to subsidize wages.

## **NCWE**

A new Regional Director was selected to replace June Yamamoto. The next conference will be in Savannah in October. June will send out an update via email later this week. AACC conference—PBS has a national documentary on community colleges. KUCR will be showing it. It is called “Discounted Dreams” and you can get a copy from the PBS station.

### **III. Chancellor’s Office Update:**

Lucia Robles of the Chancellor’s Office congratulated the region colleges on their efficient on-time delivery of 1-C and Tech Prep reports! She then addressed the following issues brought forth by the group:

Biennial Review of Occupational Education programs:

- Consulting with WIB to foster a cooperative and effective working relationship. Yes, there is a requirement to have Workforce Development Board review. Ron suggested that Title V should be changed to reflect this review of the Workforce Development Review Board. Lucia will follow up on this.

Will Tech Prep still be separate?

- K-12 wants it together, Chancellor’s Office wants it separate. Lucia will provide information when she gets it.

What is being discussed about the Perkins split between CDE and Chancellor’s Office?

- Lucia will have to get back to us on this.

There is a new RFA to conduct a review of CTE articulation for one grantee, \$750,000 for about 21 months, to find out what programs/models are working.

AB1802 equipment grant – Will there be a rollover of funds?

- No rollover of funds.

SB70 – Is there a long-term plan to distribute these funds?

- Lucia referred to handout from the Regional Chairs meeting.

Calworks allocations will be out probably in August, and colleges will get at least 95% of last year’s funds.

### **IV. Regional Consortium Update:**

-Discussed Guidelines for Staff Development funds. \$2,500 will be set aside for each college in the region to request funding of specific activities (using the Staff Development Request form on-line). Funds not allocated by December 31<sup>st</sup> for specific staff development activities at each college, will be available to other colleges on a first-come, first-serve basis. Staff will maintain a list of approved staff development activities based upon activities that were approved in 06/07. Activities not on the list will be brought to the region for review/approval at a region meeting. Someone asked if we could add the National Tech Prep Conference to the list of approved conferences. The answer is yes, we will add approval via these minutes. The ACCE conference and National Tech Prep Conference will be Feb. 20-22, 2008.

-Julie asked if everyone would be interested in a two-day Retreat in Fall, a Thursday and Friday in late October or Early November. Consensus was yes, so Julie will work on finding a location and date that works.

## V. Presentations

- Update on 2020 Vision Event—Kathy Fortner will have an update ready for the September 2007 meeting. One positive comment is that counties are working together, instead of competing against each other. Marshall stated that construction trade needs workers.

- Advisory Committee Handbook—Excellent presentation of the handbook, survey results that lead to the handbook, etc. Highlights are: Have a strong agenda, have something specific you need from each business, keep meeting to 60-90 minutes, plan for refreshments. Meet at least once each semester (fall and spring), send minutes out before the next meeting.

- Blythe Project/Networking—Joan Wells, of Michael Dolence and Associates, shared the process of the project, which had a lot of community involvement. They determined that we need to define a regional identity – not “in the fold” of the Inland Empire. The Chancellor’s Office representative went to the April meeting in Blythe. The next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup>, in Blythe.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00pm

**Next meeting:** September 24, 2007, at the San Bernardino Hilton.