

AE Statewide Conference Call: 01/09/13

1. DWD Leadership Team and Transition Updates:
 - a. Scott Sanders has been reappointed as Commissioner of DWD.
 - b. The legislative session is now underway, and all bills must be submitted by next week. DWD requested \$14 million in state funding for adult education. DWD also requested \$5 million in state funds to support the WorkINDiana program.
 - c. Adopting College and Career Readiness standards aligned with K-12 Common Core standards will continue to be a focus. It aligns well with what is happening at the high school level, and DWD will support these initiatives.
 - d. Consider reviewing the strategic plan that Governor-elect Pence has presented as the focus of the administration; one major focus is on workforce development.

2. Grant Competition Updates:
 - a. This year is a full grant competition year for both AE and EL/Civics funding.
 - b. Early February (5th) = Target date for release of the guidance to writing the RFA.
 - c. Early April = Target due date for the RFA to be turned into the state.
 - d. One webinar will be held for all interested parties shortly after RFA is released (and will be recorded).
 - e. After the last call OVAE stated that this competition no longer needs to be 3 years in duration. The RFA will focus on the upcoming year solely.
 - f. 07/1/11 through 12/31/12 are the date parameters that will be used to pull data from InTERS for the formula allocation. The funding formula is: 50% reimbursement for outcomes, 40% enrollment, 10% unemployment claims.
 - g. **January 10th is the deadline for all data corrections**; the state will pull all Regions data off InTERS for the funding formula after that deadline passes.

3. GED 2014 Update:
 - a. Becoming a Pearson Vue Testing Center webinar is on **Thursday, January 17th from 11-12:30 p.m.**
 - i. **Q:** Are there funds available to put a computer lab in our testing site? DWD cannot fund testing sites at this time. However, DWD is aware that many are interested and will continue to look for ways to fund testing sites.
 - ii. **Q:** Since the examiner is paid from the GED test fees how will that work with the fees going to another vendor, how will we pay for the exams to be administered? Excellent question to ask Pearson Vue on the webinar.
 - iii. **Q:** Clarification. A question for states to consider: Will each state's equivalent high school credential be recognized by other states? DWD is making sure that this is taken into account while looking for an equivalent. DWD wants best solutions for our students.
 - b. Resources : <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/new-assesment>
 - c. [Minnesota Summary of GED 2014 Test](#): Minnesota has a nice website with documents and resources to prepare for the GED 2014.
 - d. Statewide marketing campaign: DWD is working to develop marketing material for the closeout of GED 2013 and then the transition to GED 2014. DWD has a couple of staff working on this and hopes to announce a marketing campaign as soon as possible.

4. WorkINDiana Program Update:

- a. Monthly activity updates should be posted to InTERS by today.
 - b. There has been a 50% increase in enrollment over the last month.
 - c. Region 3 has been approved for an additional \$146,622.00. This is a grand total: \$264,116.00
 - d. Clarification on Supportive services:
 - i. Local policy should dictate how supportive services are used. Additional written clarification is to come.
 - ii. February 8th PD occupations defined. DWD has contacted employers who will present at this PD event about the occupations and will also have the training providers present.
5. InTERS Update:
- a. Incomplete Test Suite has been fixed.
 - b. Access Training for Report Writing (1/10, 1/11, 1/16, 1/22); all trainings located at the WorkOne off Shadeland Ave in Indianapolis.
 - c. Update for the Accuplacer cut scores for Transition to Postsecondary Reimbursement: DWD understands the issues that have come up with these matching to InTERS. It will not impact allocation since no one is getting credit currently for Accuplacer. However, these numbers will be factored in at the end of the year.
 - d. WorkINdiana information will be showing on the RFO report and by 1/9 will be visible (read-only) on the student screen.
 - e. January 10th is the deadline for having all data as up to date as possible. DWD has been asked to give extensions; however since DWD is not granting this information currently.
 - i. **Q:** If a student left the program and came back 6 months later, do we still need to e-mail Jedd to reset the clock to get reimbursed for the \$60 enrollment or has InTERS been fixed to catch this? Yes, you need to call someone from the InTERS team to reset.
 - ii. **Q:** Will the six-week "clock" be reset for students who have already taken the Accuplacer and thought they scored as college-ready? No, the clock reset is only for students who have left the program for 6 months and can earn reimbursable gains.
 - iii. **Q:** The reimbursement schedule says that the payment level is counted in weeks from "the first calendar day after official enrollment or last earned reimbursement." So if a student took the Accuplacer say, on October 1, and scored as college-ready according to how InTERS was set at that time. But on February 1, the same student's scores may not make the new cut-off. So, he re-takes the Accuplacer. How will the level of reimbursement be calculated? The new cut scores are lower than they were in the past so this should not happen.
6. Accuplacer Update:
- a. Upcoming webinars have been scheduled; the dates were attached to the follow up of the conference call from last month.
 - b. For those who have signed up to become an Accuplacer testing site or lab, please listen in to these webinars.
 - c. Resources for the field: <http://www.testpreppractice.net/ACCUPLACER>
7. Professional Development Update:
- a. **February 8th from 8-4:00 p.m.**, joint meeting with teacher and directors in Kokomo. The WIA youth team and coordinators will be joining for this event.
 - b. Expect regular WorkINdiana and PD newsletters starting in February.
 - c. Workgroups: Standards in Action, PD Advisory, 500 Administrators Series. DWD will send out an application soon.

- d. IAACE Call for proposals: Due January 15th. Please ask your teachers who attended the ANI or have a strong referral process with WorkOne to submit proposals to the IAACE conference to present.

8. Other:

- a. Over the last couple weeks, DWD has been looking over the reimbursement for outcome schedule and will be releasing changes with the RFA.
- b. Please make sure you are turning in invoices and asking for reimbursements throughout the year from DWD. DWD wants to ensure that state funding is spent first
 - i. **Q:** Are the reimbursements quarterly or monthly? This process is left up to the program, but DWD requires at least a quarterly reimbursement.
- c. There will be an **Indiana Career Explorer Webinar on Friday January 25th at 8:30 a.m.**, please standby for link to this.
- d. Upcoming Conferences:
 - i. Kentucky Center for Mathematics
 - ii. COABE
 - iii. National Conference on Family Literacy