



TST Conference Call Notes

December 13, 2011

Members Present: Kathleen Bilbus (MN), Mike Rea (MT), Jessica Castaneda (TN), Erin Shea (VT), Tim Thornton (KS), Andrea Carter (KY), Jessie McKenzie (MS), Brenda Pessin (IL), Barbie Patch (NH), John Farrell (KS), Bruce Wright (SC), Margarita Colindres (CO) Lupe Ledesma (WA) Emily Hoffman (MA), and TJ Sparling (NY), Kelsey Williams (ID), Lysandra Lopez-Medina (PA), and Claude Christian (KY). Facilitated by Tracie Kalic (SOSY).

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BUSINESS ITEMS:

State Cover Sheets for Annual Performance Report

State cover sheets for the Annual Performance Report are due ASAP because they are due to the OME by 12/30/11.

NASDME Conference Proposal

The NASDME Conference invited the consortium to submit a presentation proposal. The proposal is due by December 16. Tracie asked the group to brainstorm potential topics.

- A. Margarita asked if we could build a presentation from what was used at NASDME two years ago in Anaheim.
- B. Tracie suggested using some of that to propose a panel with a number of states volunteering to participate. Kansas and Vermont volunteered. Lysandra said she couldn't commit because she has to check on travel support. Idaho and Montana committed. Margarita said she also has to check on travel support.
- C. Tracie suggested that five participant states would make a good panel.
- D. Between now and Friday she will pull together ideas, with input from the Consortium, and will submit a proposal for a panel.
- E. A second presentation proposal was suggested. This idea concerned the systems approach, where participants would alter what was presented at OME.

- F. Tracie asked that any other states interested in the panel or the second presentation idea on the systems approach email her with their ideas.
- G. A suggestion was made that the panel have direction to coordinate questions to be addressed and other concerns.
- H. Tracie said she envisioned a panel that addressed questions ahead of time on how they provided services and support to OSY via Consortium services.
- I. Kathleen likes the idea. She said that they could open the discussion to questions from the audience at the end of the session. She also said that as specific states have specific areas of expertise and each panel member from that state could emphasize that area. For instance, Vermont could talk about Mini-Lessons and Kansas could address their systematic approach.
- J. Erin suggested a presentation concerning the OSY profile, regarding reading, understanding, and aligning services to this profile.
- K. Tracie recalled her OME conference presentation on the ten steps to creating the system. They discussed using the profile and the related table. She said each step could be a separate presentation. Tracie said she will send out her thoughts on this and asked for feedback between now and Friday.

REACTS Article

Tracie said REACTS wants an article for their newsletter about MSIX. They want to know how many states are using it, whether it's capturing OSY data, and what benefits MSIX is providing to the OSY program. Tracie asked if any states had success with MSIX and if so, if they are interested in being highlighted in this article.

- A. Minnesota said that some OSY that were dropouts had information available. Many Minnesota OSY are dropouts from Texas. Texas has provided much of these students' information on credits and assessments. Often, if students are so-called "here-to-work," from Mexico, there won't be information in the database.
- B. Tracie said that we may not have enough information for an article, but asked people to send what they have. Depending on the available information maybe she could write something brief.

January Meeting

Tracie wanted the group to brainstorm ideas for how to focus their time in January. She said there probably would be no Technical Assistance topic. But she asked for additional ideas for future topics.

- A. Suggestions included: 1) What's happening in the field that we need to consider; 2) Safety; 3) Definitions, such as "here-to-work" and "recovery"; and 4) Assessments.

- B. Tracie said she would like to have one hour on one of the above topics at subsequent TST meetings. She said that we could wait until the meeting in April.
- C. Margarita would really like to discuss definitions of assessments, to at least start a conversation.
- D. TJ requested clarification of whether these definition discussions would include OSY “here-to-work” specifically in terms of recovery or whether they would get into service definitions. He stated that they started some of these conversations at the last meeting.
- E. Some think that taking one hour to focus on a Technical Assistance topic would be good.
- F. TJ suggested that they use the hour to review the “Safety and Professionalism” module.
- G. Kelsey asked if the Consortium is behind in any deadlines that the group could use that hour to help complete.
- H. She also mentioned that they could discuss the Training of Trainers Manual. But the timeliest use of that hour discussion would be review of the “Safety and Professionalism Module.”
- I. Tracie asked for other opinions. There was agreement. One member said that they thought a discussion of definitions would need more than one hour. She added that she was unprepared for such a talk because she would need to talk with her data coordinator, as such a conversation would involve data.

January Meeting Agenda

The group will discuss final dates for creating documents. Some documents are currently being finalized. The whole TST will be updated and will have time to work on assigned topics.

- A. The group will draft the agenda.
- B. Much of the agenda will be work-time for development and finalization of materials, like the website pieces.
- C. The entire group can review TOT materials.
- D. Tracie asked whether anything else needed to be added to the agenda.
- E. Tracie said that on the entire first day and on part of the second day the group will finalize materials. On the second day the group will review the Training of Trainers Manual.
- F. Tracie said that although there is not much to report from the workgroups; they are getting work completed. Others agreed.
- G. Tracie said they are getting state profile data, one for each state in the Consortium in order to make an entire report. Tracie’s been working on this.
- H. TJ asked if they are compiling a list of particular areas in order to make comparisons. For instance, are they comparing data between states? Are they

contrasting differences between populations in different states. Tracie pointed out that this analysis will take place after data is compiled.

- I. TJ thanked Tracie and John for their state profile work. Tracie noted it was wonderful to be able to hand this report to OME reps, and that they were very impressed with what the states are doing.
- J. Kathleen mentioned she was with a focus group last week looking at the ID&R Curriculum in order to make it more useful. She observed that it needs more strategies for OSY. She hopes the facilitator, Susan Duron, will contact Tracie for more information. It is important to embed OSY strategies in the National Manual.
- K. Erin is contracted to edit this National Manual. She enhanced the OSY material.

Meeting Conclusion

Tracie thanked everyone and wished them happy holidays. She will get the meeting notes out soon and will pull the NASME proposals together. She will be in touch with those who volunteered to present.