

# Regional Consortia Chairs Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2006 ♦ 9:30 a.m.

Sheraton Grand Sacramento  
Compagno Room  
1230 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

I. Welcome/Introductions –

Carole Bogue-Feinour, CCCCCO  
Chuck Wiseley, CCCCCO  
Diane Brady, CCCCCO  
Gary Mendenhall, Central Region  
Geri Douglas, CCCCCO  
Janis Caston, North/Far North Region  
Jeanine Schoemer, CCCCCO  
Jose Millan, CCCCCO  
Julie Pehkonen, Desert  
Katie Gilks, CCCCCO  
Linda Zorn, North/Far North Region  
Lucia Robles, CCCCCO  
Lyla Eddington, LA/Orange Region  
Michelle Turner, San Diego/Imperial Region  
Ron Selge, CCCCCO  
Ron Vito, Desert Region  
Sandra Mellor, Bay/Interior Bay Region  
Sharon Wong, CCCCCO  
Stan Schroeder, San Diego/Imperial Region  
Sue Clark, Central Region  
Susan Coleman, LA/Orange Region  
Tanya Burke, South Central Region  
Teresa Parkison, CCCCCO

II. Additions/Changes to Agenda –

Ron Selge stated that both Sharon Wong and Teresa Parkison would provide information about Special Populations and Economic and Workforce Development during "Reports from CCCCCO". Linda Zorn suggested moving the "Individual Regional Reports" sooner on the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes of the October 19, 2005 Meeting

Motion: That the Minutes from the October 19, 2005 meeting be approved. Motion made by: Linda Zorn. Seconded by: Sandra Mellor. Voted on and approved unanimously.

#### IV. Overview/History of the Regional Consortia

Lyla Eddington stated that CCCCCO created the Regional Consortia in 2000. The state is divided into 10 regions including three double regions, which are LA/Orange, Bay/Interior Bay and North/Far North. These areas were already meeting therefore stayed the same when the Regional Consortia came into existence. One of the changes to the Regional Consortium was that the training for vocational faculty went to the Academic Senate as decided by CCCCCO. Lyla stated that the LA/Orange Regional Consortium is responsible for the Workforce Leaders Institute workshop because of being a double region who could administratively oversee this workshop.

#### V. Individual Region Reports – all chairs

Linda Zorn, Co-Chair of North/Far North Region, stated that her region consists of 14 colleges, which meet six times a year with two video conference meetings and an additional meeting for planning and professional development sometime in June. They allocate professional development funds to the colleges to attend professional development activities as well as oversee program endorsements.

Julie Pehkonen, Coordinator of Desert Region, stated that her region consists of 9 colleges that meet 4 times a year. They sponsor mini-grants in the region, which includes a project to survey business partners about what skill sets they need for their employees. The regional consortium is sponsoring a resource library and marketing project to market activities in the region.

Sandra Mellor, Chair of Bay/Interior Bay Region, stated that the deans meet to do program reviews. The Economic Development representatives meet quarterly. There is a joint meeting between these two groups twice a year as well as a planning retreat in April or May. The regional consortium funds mini-grants that may help to jump-start a vocational program and/or market programs in workforce development. Bay/Interior Bay has put together a career guide as well as an online brochure to market programs within their region.

Stan Schroeder, Chair of San Diego/Imperial Region, stated that his region consists of 9 colleges and that they have a very active SDICCCA group. The Occupational Deans meet almost monthly and oversee program reviews. The “Looking for a Career” brochures promote our programs. Stan stated that other things in our region are linking with the WIA and CIO’s as well as award mini-grants, which have a regional impact. They also provide funds to the colleges for professional development activities. Every time the Occupational Deans meet, they have a presentation from one of the CCCCCO funded projects that include RHORC, REBRAC, and SBDC. Stan mentioned that they have had very good success with the Student Learning Outcome workshops with 50 to 60 faculty attending.

Tanya Burke, Chair South Central Region, stated that her region consists of 8 colleges and 9 statewide initiatives. They meet 8 times a year and one of the things they do is utilize information given from the Workforce Leaders Institute as a staff development activity. They hold our planning meeting once a year.

Gary Mendenhall, Chair Central Region, stated that his region is the largest geographic single region with 14 colleges. Gary stated that this year they were focusing on Student Learning Outcomes and most chose to do individual college efforts. They also held an Economic Development Summit and focused on Food Manufacturing needs and trends as well as how they could respond. They would like to host a summit on Construction in April. The Regional Consortium sets aside funds for professional development.

Lyla Eddington, Chair Los Angeles/Orange Region, stated that her region consists of 28 colleges. Their Steering Committee meets 3 times a year. The deans, economic development representatives and initiatives meet 10-11 times a year. Other sub-groups as identified by the region also meet. They include Tech Prep Coordinators and Directors, Regional Interior Design Collaborative, Health Science Faculty Collaborative, and Contract Education Practitioners. She mentioned that they worked three years on a relationship with the Workforce Investment Boards and will have a meeting/conference in LA/Orange region. Lyla stated that program approvals are very important and they require labor market information. The regional consortium created a web based career guide, which allows the counselor and/or student to be able to look up an area of interest by college or career.

#### VI. Reports from CCCCCO – Ron Selge

- Update on the CTE \$20M Governor's Initiative
  - Quick Start RFA (SB70)

Ron Selge stated that as of October 24 the CTE \$20 million Governor's Initiative was available, however they are confirming with the Department of Education that this initiative meets with their needs. The first RFA for the Quick Starts for \$10.4 million may be on the streets as early as next week. Drafts of other RFA's are currently in production. Diane Brady is taking questions regarding the Quick Starts to address at the bidder's conference sometime early February. CCCCCO will host one live in the South and one in the North. The committee could contact Diane at (916)327-0749 or by email at [Dbrady@cccco.edu](mailto:Dbrady@cccco.edu). She stated that there was a need for readers and that the Department of Education would be involved. Readers should be available the last week of April and the first week of May. Diane reminded everyone that there is a maximum 30% match in the amount \$450,000 for both years.

- Update on the Corrections Project

Ron Selge stated that the Corrections Department told them that they spend \$70 million to train correctional officers every year and wanted to pilot a program with community colleges. CCCCCO received \$1 million for this project and held a competition. Ron stated that the three grant budget sheets were not signed. He mentioned that everyone had been notified.

- Update on Regional Consortia/WIA engagement

Ron Selge stated that a recent request from CCCCCO was that the regional consortia provide an open house to representatives from the various WIBs to share information about the college's economic development programs. Geri Douglas mentioned that the WIB's are not familiar with the certificate programs at the various colleges or about economic development projects. Geri stated that this was more of getting together for information sharing and deciding how to work together.

- Update /"speculation" on Perkins reauthorization & USDE directions to the States

Ron Selge stated that speculation on Perkins reauthorization is that it is on autopilot until something else happens. USDE directions to the states are to conduct risk assessments and evaluate cost savings. Ron will report out at our next meeting regarding how we should respond to the topic of risk assessment. He mentioned that LAUSD has interested parties looking at Perkins.

- Update /"speculation" on State Budget

According to Ron Selge, the state budget will have a \$6 million increase to the system. Equalization to equal \$30 million in addition from the \$600 million.

- Next steps from the North State / South State Leadership meetings

Ron Selge stated that the leadership meetings held in the North and South were not taking place this spring. Ron mentioned that the National Association for Career-Technical Education Information (NACTEI) is in Palm Springs, CA on May 15-17, 2006. The conference serves as an open forum for the discussion of all aspects of any issue related to or dealing with CTE/Perkins.

- Additional funding for CCCCCO-funded projects (VTEA Augmentation)

Ron Selge stated that they emailed the VTEA Augmentation last week. He mentioned that there would be a non-competitive renewal of the regional consortia projects and a slight cut in the collaboratives based on unspent funds from previous years. CCCCCO is working with CDE to look at a state plan and needs assessment in the career technical arena.

- Special Populations

Sharon Wong reminded the committee that the JSPAC Conference is February 22 & 23 in Sacramento. "Success has no limits, careers have no gender" is the conference topic.

- Economic and Workforce Development

Teresa Parkison stated that as Ron mentioned the BCP is \$15 million to expand economic and workforce development programs and address some rural issues. The RFAs for JDIF and IDRC will be coming out soon as well as the competitive grants that are every 5 years. The Economic and Workforce Development Summit is on January 30 and 31 and by invitation only to Center Directors. Teresa also stated that the Economic and Workforce Development would have a conference in November.

#### VII. Jointly-funded projects updates –

- Workforce Leaders Institute – Susan

Susan Coleman brought extra brochures and the list of individuals who have registered. Currently, they have 9 from the north area and 21 from south. She distributed the list to chairs for review. Lyla Eddington stated that she would mail additional brochures to distribute and asked that the chairs remind those attending that they must write a \$100 personal check in order to attend. They will not cash the check if they attend.

- Joint Special Populations Statewide Advisory Committee/JSPAC – Stan

Stan Schroeder mentioned that they are working with each region in conjunction with CDE to provide 18 full-day special populations workshops around the state. He reminded the chairs that they are requesting additional registrations for the upcoming conference. The goal is to expand the conference to 300 registrations from 200.

#### VIII. Discussion on Curriculum Approval process – AA/AS degrees

Lyla Eddington stated that Orange Coast College has added AS degrees to their inventory. They have been told that an entire package for a new program must be submitted. The LA/Orange Region asked that the CCCCO reconsider this requirement.

IX. Higher Education Evaluation Research Group (HEERG)  
Program Improvement Workshops

Chuck Wiseley stated that the workshops present information on the pedagogies of learning styles and learning. These workshops bring colleges together to enable communication to find out what others are doing as well as how to develop student learning outcomes for entry-level courses.

X. Career Development Grants update – Susan Coleman

Susan Coleman stated that the focus on career development is the "Case of the Missing Major". Six workshops are scheduled which does not include South Central and Bay/Interior Bay. Susan is working on scheduling in these regions. Major focus is on counseling the undecided student.

XI. Announcements/Other Items/Adjournment

***Next meeting:*** March 15, 2006 at 9:00am at the CCCAOE Conference. Bay/Interior Bay Host.