

Iowa Valley Community College District/AEA Superintendents Meeting Minutes -January 8, 2020

Attendees – See attached

IVCCD Chancellor Dr. Kristie Fisher welcomed the group, noting shortly after her arrival, she extended invitations to meet with the superintendents, and she will send a follow-up e-mail noting that opportunity.

Intermediary Network - Terri Hungerford and Kim Brinkmeyer provided information on IVCCD's Intermediary Network program. Upcoming events are below; additional information will be sent to the superintendents. Schools were asked to contact Terri or Kim with ideas for other potential programs.

- Social Services Careers – Tuesday, Jan. 28 (9:30 am – 1 pm in Marshalltown)
- Obstetrics/Pediatrics Careers – Thursday, Feb. 20 (9:00 am – 1 pm in Marshalltown)
- Certified Medical Assisting Careers – Wednesday, Feb. 26 (8:30 am – 10:30 am in Marshalltown)
- Certified Medical Assisting Careers – Wednesday, Feb. 26 (10:30 am – 12:30 pm in Marshalltown)
- Military/Officer Careers – Wednesday, March 25 (9:30 am – 2 pm in Marshalltown)
- Day in the Life of a Healthcare Worker – Friday, Feb. 14 and Feb. 28 in Iowa Falls
- MCC Spring Small School Financial Literacy Fair – Thursday, Feb. 27 in Marshalltown
- ECC Spring Hardin County Financial Literacy Fair – Tuesday, March 3 in Iowa Falls
- MHS 9th grade Financial Literacy Fair – Thursday, April 9 in Marshalltown
- MCC Career Expo – Tuesday, April 14 in Marshalltown
- Spring Extravaganza – Thursday, April 30 in Marshalltown

Youth Standing Committee Presentation – Committee members (Darcy Anderson, Becky Hassett, Terri Hungerford, Pat Rzepny, Janet Stegmann, and Rebekah Traver) shared information on their programs' services, and they requested assistance with promotion. They are seeking teachers to serve on the committee that meets once per quarter for approximately 1 hour; contact Becky Hassett if someone interested. Survey will be sent to the superintendents to information about Transition practices in schools and to gather the counselors' information that the committee needs to be contacting. Angie Redmond will add the committee's presentation to the spring MCC Counselor Day. If schools are interested in presentations at a teacher/counselor professional development workshop, contact Becky.

Concurrent Enrollment Contract – MaryAnne Nickle explained potential changes to next year's contract. After finalized, revisions from the previous year will be italicized in the contract for easy reference.

- Distribution date – Group determined it would be best to send contracts early in April. Schools may start enrolling students this year as early as April and counselors can now schedule entire year.
- Grace period for withdrawals – There are financial and transcript implications with drops. This past year, IVCCD extended the deadline for withdrawals to after mid-terms. Schools prefer this later date to provide opportunity for intervention with students before dropping. Schools have different policies/penalties for drops (i.e. some have students pay for F grade, others don't allow them to re-enroll), and there are also different interpretations of Senior Year Plus. IVCCD will be evaluating the impact of the extended deadline after spring mid-terms to determine if changes are necessary for this contract or future years. Dr. Stutz suggested providing information on how many of their students are enrolled, how many credits each student is taking and how many dropped. This information is currently sent to the Business Office and counselors and will also be sent to the superintendents. Dr. Fisher requested that MaryAnne share data now with the schools who have experienced a spike in withdrawals making their district an outlier, and then share a full review on drops data this summer. Ms. Pink noted if the deadline is extended, bills will be sent later to the schools, which was an issue in the past. Superintendents agreed bills could be sent in November and May.
- CEP Offerings – Additional language will be included due to rush requests last year and the time necessary for IVCCD to do the work to comply with NACEP accreditation guidelines.

Iowa Valley Consortium/Regional Planning Partnership Update – Dr. Jered Smith reported the Consortium meets quarterly to determine how to spend the \$100K allocated to our three regions (North-\$20K, Central-\$60K, South-\$20K).

Projects:

- **Teacher Externship Academy.** Purpose to expose educators to available jobs/careers and skills needed with the expectation they take what is learned for use in the classroom to prepare students Externships take place in the summer with cap of 50 participants, no cost for registration, stipends may be available, and license renewal credit is available through the AEA with a reflection paper on what they observed and how they plan to use it in the classroom. Externships in Marshalltown and Poweshiek County are below, and Hardin County Economic Developer is also interested in the program.
 - MCSD Summer Teacher Externship – Dates: June 15 & 16, July 13 & 14 and August 10 & 11
 - Poweshiek County Summer Teacher Externship: June 22-25
- **Marshalltown Middle School Modular Program** – South Tama also participated. Looking for ways to be more creative (i.e. computer programs that provide students with access to all CTE programs). Required by state to review five categories of CTE programs, and consortium has to approve those plans. Committee needs to ensure common framework, curriculum and assessment, and AEA facilitates the review process. Ag was last year. There is a CTE gap below high school, so middle school modular program provides exposure. Perkins makes provisions for middle school but CTE certified teachers are required for CTE programs. Continue to invite others to participate or meet to share ideas. Jen Sigrist noted Competency Based Education guidelines allow for flexibility while attending high school and there may be a connection to investigate. Students may be able to receive credit for level of competency, and as the Consortium is reviewing Ag and Business, those competencies could be written in the plan. Dr. Stutz will be attending CBE training, and she noted see would like to see English, Math, and Science competencies included. Dr. Smith will add to next Consortium agenda.

Summer College Credit Program – Last year, offered Nurse Aid at MCC, ECC, and IVG which was over enrolled, and a practicum at Marshalltown that was under enrolled. Submitted offering HSC172 CNA and HSC175 Advanced CNA to provide clinical opportunities in addition to long-term care. Future Ready Iowa funds cover tuition so there is no cost to the schools. Supplemental contracts will be sent to the schools interested in participating. Also working with Continuing Education to offer other courses at the high school such as Home Health Care, and schools will be informed when available. Dr. Schutte requested to have Dee Burt-IVH included in these conversations.

Future Ready Iowa

- **Apprenticeships** – Dr. Fisher reported there are more conversations about apprenticeships during high school. If interested in exploring for college credit, contact IVCCD.
- **Last Dollar Scholarships** – Provides scholarships for eligible high demand job programs such as welding, machining, etc. for students directly out of high school or over age 20 (changing this legislative session to make available for returning adults). Last year’s funds came late so we could not get out the information but will send information to counselors as soon as the legislature determines funding for next year. All students are eligible for funds if they apply for FAFSA by July 1.

Legislative Issues – Cindy Schulte and Dr. Robin Lilienthal shared information on the Career Academy Incentive Fund HS546 that uses portions of the school districts’ SAVE funds to create career academies. Dr. Lilienthal noted at the last Iowa Valley Consortium meeting they discussed if we could collectively collaborate on this and if so, in what year.

Bond Referenda – Dr. Fisher thanked everyone for support in passing IVCCD’s \$32M bond referendum and noted schools could reach out to IVCCD if support is needed for upcoming referenda. She also noted we enjoyed the opportunity to speak at their Board meetings and would be happy to present on other topics as needed.

Construction Technology Program – Dr. Fisher noted she had given Dr. Lilienthal an unrealistic timeline to have a Construction Technology program in place by fall 2020 because there wasn’t time to involve others. Students will not be building a home, so we’ll need to find other ways to give students the necessary skills. Dr. Schutte suggested including industrial arts and building and construction teachers to ensure there are career pathways with the high schools. Dr. Lilienthal will contact the principals to determine interest in serving on the planning committee.