

Extension Management Team
Minutes - PicTel
March 15, 2007

Present: Larry Barker, Nancy Bradford-Sisson, Wendy Brock, Paul Bonaparte-Krogh, Claudia Boozer-Blasco, Deb Cheever, Darrel Covell, David Foote, Lynn Garland, Chuck Hersey, Kathy Jablonski, Steve Judd, Geoffrey Njue, Dan Reidy, Marilyn Sullivan, Lisa Townson and Jim Grady

David – Grant Opportunity

FCC grant proposal for thirteen key hospitals with equipment, NH Health Policy Institute, PI Pat Miller, NH Community Mental Health and county nursery homes and jails, community health. We would try to connect to GSDLN. Professional development, Telemedicine – share doctors, draft stage – trying to partner with Maine due in May.

USDA – Rural telehealth, telecommunications, RFP not out yet – Dave – proposal to up-date equipment and offer to new counties to put in equipment. It will be a quick turn-around. Must have partner – we cannot be PI, Crotched Mt. might be PI.

- Is my line item for Distance Education changed? Stay the same or goodbye.
- Cheshire: not interested but would ask staff.
- Hillsborough: Willing to talk with David.
- Coos: Interested to explore.
- Strafford – No space
- Carroll: Interest but lack of space.
- Belknap: Unknown

Steve -- “Go to meeting” – Desktop to desktop meeting – enhance teleconference you need both phone and computer two sites. You give the presenter control to others in conference using in ITDE for support.

Useful for: meeting, licenses, Steve can pass them around. Annual license cost \$750 for a year.

Go to Webinar – presentation – up to 1,000 one way. Not good in dial-up. Cost to user – phone cost!

Contact Steve by email if you want to schedule and get trained.

Lisa – Strategic Plan at printers – will be distributed to all State Advisory Council endorsed. Implementation team has been appointed. Jim Grady will chair. It will put specifics in how to implement the plan and budget costs to implement plan.

- **N.E. Planning and Reporting** – program areas have had training on reporting. Program Leaders have yet to be trained on how to review reports multi-state that review others plan. Encourage staff to enter data – the longer you wait. Thanks to Lisa and Steve.

Jim and Darrel arrived. Need multi-state activities to report. Right now – no user can customize, just not enough time to develop.

County reports:

Hillsborough – submit budget to county today a little increase about 2%.

Merrimack – final budget meeting Tuesday night. Only increase support staff salary increase. Large jail budget increase.

Strafford – smooth budget, little increase. Final meeting Saturday, March 17th.

Coos – Level funded budget passed.

Grafton – Early in process – 2% increase county support staff contract.

Cheshire – full delegation on Monday. Passed jail referendum.

Sullivan – Support staff increase for health benefits for new support staff – early in process.

Rockingham – February 20th passed budget 2% reduction in operation expenses. Handed out Highlight Reports at the final budget meeting. Concern over talk that of some legislation that would create “donor counties”. Carroll, Rockingham, Grafton and Strafford projected for target as donor county. In the process of filling Forestry position – mid-April interviews.

Hiring county based – support staff – county; program staff – State.

Jim – FY 08 – Budget submitted to Provost 3.5% budget increase – balanced budget – fringe benefits unknown. PAU’s do cover fringe benefits.

Salary increases for next year 3.5 – 4%. We will be similar to faculty contract. We have about a \$6 million salary base ending fiscal year in the black. Won’t have to dip in reserves. When Federal budget passes – if cuts it will be retroactive. Feds don’t like formula funds – want competitive.

Julia Peterson’s dollars could move to open competitive research dollars.

Indirect cost recovery – full impact of loss of Family Lifeskills will be felt in '09 budget year. Probably \$2,000,000 needs to be built back into budget.

Implementation team will help put dollars with strategic plan.

RCM – next 5–year phase – restructured lost our exemption from academic assessment now | general assessment – proposal over next 5-years to eliminate hold harmless. We are building case – time will tell.

Sea Grant – Grant funding – salary and fringe.

Very successful program review – they got outstanding on all points. First time nationwide for this rating!!!

Searches –

Plant Biology – Specialist Greenhouse & Floriculture, three people will come to campus.

Family Consumer Resources – Narrowed to two candidates.

Assistant Director for Finance & Human Resources – Need to have Jim mentor hope to have in place by July 1st.

April 4th – Breakfast celebrate County Government Week – Theme is Protecting Environment – forestry staff can help with facts.

County Conversation – Finished Strafford and Sullivan, Belknap and Carroll yet to finish year II. Watch for conflicting events.

State Advisory Council meeting is April 19th.

Recognition Committee – Get nominees.

Annual Conference Committee – Technology Tool Kit.

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