

DESERT REGIONAL CONSORTIUM MEETING  
HILTON – SAN BERNARDINO  
September 25, 2006  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Ron Vito and introductions were made by all in attendance (31). The minutes from the May 22, 2006 meeting were approved.

**II. Updates:**

**Occupational Deans/CCCAOE**

Valley College had three programs presented: Air Travel Careers (associate degree, flight certificate and ground certificate), for first and second read; Electrician Certification program for first and second read (already has State approval); and Pharmacy Technician certificate and degree program for a second read. All were recommended for approval.

Also, Queen Hamilton asked that everyone take gifts to the Fall Conference for door prizes. If you haven't registered for the conference yet, you need to do so ASAP as it is filling up.

**Contract Education/EWD**

They have two projects, one from COD and one that is a collaboration between San Bernardino CCD and Chaffey CCD.

Referred to blue copy in the meeting folder regarding training. Also, passed out cards for Business Solutions-Workforce Training. The back is blank for publicizing individual events.

EWD Conference is February 27-March 1, and the Call for Presentations will be going out soon. They will have a "market place" like a vendor's hall, at the conference.

**CalWORKs**

There are a lot of changes, need to work closely with CalWORKs to stay informed. There will be extra funding this year.

**NCWE**

The NCWE Conference follows the CCCAOE Conference, in Albuquerque this year. June, Shelagh and Wendy are going. Wendy will be presenting on the Pharmacy Tech program.

**Statewide Articulation Project**

They are using funds from SB70 to improve and expand articulation program in the state. Handout provided an indepth presentation.

**VTEA Data Workshop Update (June 2006)**

Nick Parisi and Scott Hammer attended the Los Angeles/Orange County workshop. They are developing a classroom survey from surveys collected from six-seven other colleges, Pell, BOGW applications, etc. Look at SAM codes to make sure they are coded correctly.

**Chancellor's Office**

They have been reviewing final reports. They are getting ready to start meeting to discuss the new state plan. Rick asked about allocation, rollover, formula changes. Lucia said next year will be a transition year, things will change next year, will not be on apportionment, will be on invoice basis. Rick asked Lucia to give us clear direction on Ed Code 78016 regarding biennial review-- wording, etc. Lucia will send out something to cover all of this. Econ Dev asked her to request readers for RFA. Rick asked about lack of funding for grants—None in Desert Region were approved.

## **Regional Consortium Update**

- Website ([www.desertcolleges.org](http://www.desertcolleges.org))--It looks great, has excellent search feature, need input for what to include on website.
- \$50k Demonstration Project—RFA is available if anyone wants to see it.
- Workshops & Staff Development—Julie reminded everyone about the Poverty workshop in November. Suggestions for future: Want to do a Mentor workshop, draft of regional membership directory. Discussion about the need to send invoices within one month of staff development activity M/S/C It was recommended that travel be paid for VTEA advisory board meetings. There was a motion to approve 50% of travel expenses for the San Diego conference M/S/C

## **III. Presentations**

- CACT (RCC) – Hank Rogers informed us about the Business Press event Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Queen Hamilton gave a presentation on Model Advisory Committee Meetings, and provided a handout. She wants to highlight advisory committees that link to internships within industry. She said we need partners that actively participate in programs. She is asking the region for \$3000 to do this. M/S/C
- Nina Babiarz from College of the Desert gave a very informative presentation on the Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center.

## **IV. WIB Update**

- Meeting of the Minds – Conference was excellent!
- CWIB-Regional Expectations  
Lucia—At last week's regional meeting, regional advisors list was passed out. She is available to assist with putting this together for our region.  
WIB representatives were in attendance—Put on your calendar—October 13, 2006, for symposium “20/20 Vision: Bringing the Future into Focus.” It will be 8:30am-1:30pm at Loma Linda University Curly Center, with continental breakfast and lunch provided. They will host grant-writing activities at the San Bernardino County WIB Center.

## **V. Networking Lunch/College Updates**

Valley College has a lot of demolition and new building going on. Chaffey was funded with IDRC grant for manufacturing. Marshall Gartenlaub reported they have a new publication called “InDemand”. June Yamamoto has a new job. She is now at the Emergency Service Center at the old Norton Air Base, where they train firefighters. Shelagh Camak reported a Gateway to College success—Rubidoux Annex program. Barbara Halsey with WIB talked about their California EDGE program. Victor Valley College has broken ground for their new business technology building. Cerro Coso is looking at new programs—Design Tech, Pharmacy Tech. Julie Pehkonen reported there are about ten items on the work plan that need experts to accomplish. She will send out the work plan for all to review. Laurie McLaughlin, Mt. San Jacinto College, reported they broke ground for a new building. Also, they had a recent visit by Mark Drummond and Rep. Lewis, who came to see their Nursing program.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45pm

**Next meetings:** October 19, 2006, at CCCAOE Fall Conference, and November 13, 2006, at the San Bernardino Hilton.