

Northwest Wisconsin Career Prep Consortium

January 11, 2018

ITV (See Locations/Rooms Below)

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present: John Goodman, Jeanne Germain, Jen Siem, Brenda Kretzschmar, Stephanie Erdmann, Melisa Hansen, Jim Erickson, Dede Maki, Cindy King, Jim Lee, Julie Thompson, Jeff Muse, Jessica Earp, Andy Eaton and Pam Brunclik.

Career Prep Updates

- ▶ Dual Credit Update – Jen Siem
 - Jen shared the following information:

There were 45 high school/CESA attendees, and there were 46 WITC attendees (a total of 91 attendees). As a result of Dual Credit Day, there were 12 new advanced standing courses approved and 14 dual credit courses approved. Since the deadline is February 1, some courses are still in process (13 advanced standing and 20 dual credit). Those numbers are in addition to those expecting to continue next year: 184 AS courses and 252 DC courses. There are 109 dual credit courses for which dual credit registrations have been received so far this year, and there are 1,123 students registered so far this year.

- ▶ Academies Update – Jeanne Germain
 - Jeanne shared the academies that are currently in place. Jeanne shared that WITC is adding a Welding Academy in Rice Lake. A math course is also being offered at Rice Lake, which is required in a number of credentials. The following are potential future academies in the early stages:
 - Construction Essentials at St. Croix Central and Hayward, Financial Services - Customer Service Representative at Siren High School, Early Childhood Education at Frederic (there may be a summer foundations course), Certified Nursing Assistant at Unity, Hudson is interested in Certified Nursing Assistant, as well.

- Jeanne shared that an internal meeting took place this week at WITC to streamline the academy development process. Jeanne clarified the definition of an academy (a course or series of courses that result in a credential).
- High School Relations Report – Jeanne Germain
 - <https://www.witc.edu/sites/default/files/hsrr17-final.pdf>
 - Jeanne shared that there are hard copies available and to let Jen Siem know if you would like to receive one.
- Start College Now Program – Jeanne Germain
 - Jeanne shared that this is the program formerly known as Youth Options that will take effect July 1, 2018. The Start College Now program is unique to WTCS colleges. This program is almost identical to Youth Options. Jeanne shared that the creation of an FAQ document is under consideration. The group felt that this would be useful for the school districts. Jeanne shared that Youth Options is being replaced and Course Options is being eliminated for Higher Ed courses.

Grant Activities/Budgets

- Career Days/Events – Jeanne Germain
 - Superior Career Day was November 9 with 184 in-district and 195 out-of-district students in attendance (including some students from MN schools).
 - New Richmond was also November 9 with 436 in-district and 16 out-of-district students in attendance.
 - There are several smaller events scheduled in the next few months, including 8th Grade Career Day. Pam shared information regarding the Allied Health and Career Expo at New Richmond that will take place in February 6 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- ACP Update – Brenda Kretzschmar
 - A Fall Academic and Career Planning was held in December. A March spring training is scheduled at CESA 12 in March 12. On March 13, there is a training at CESA 11. Parent involvement has been the focus this year. The spring Career Cruising Training sponsored by DPI at CESA 11 will take place on April 10. INSPIRE has been rolled out for Momentum West Region on January 2 (the only counties in CESA 11 that will not have INSPIRE are Burnett and Washburn). There are some businesses online and many are waiting to be uploaded. The delay is due to the criminal background check. Students are now able to log in and are able to see businesses. They are not, at this time, able to communicate with businesses through the software; however, students can go to the business Web site. John Goodman shared his screen with the group to display the software. The group discussed the differences between Career Cruising and INSPIRE.
- Facilitating the Future (FTF) – Brenda Kretzschmar
 - FTF is still in the planning stage. The hope is to have marketing out in February. FTF is currently scheduled for June 18-21, 2018 at WITC-Rice Lake. The focus this year is on

certifications and meeting school district needs. Currently, Scott Hodek, Economic Advisor of West Central Wisconsin, is scheduled for June 18. The plan is to have an economic development round table meeting. Changes to teacher licensing requirements may change FTF offerings.

- Jeanne shared information on educator externships and that a post card will be sent soon with information. It is expected that this program will increase in population this year due to teacher licensing requirements.
- 2018-19 Budget – Jeanne Germain
 - Jeanne shared the budget document, and that the only big changes are changes in numbers. The grant amount has also changed a bit. Another change that Jeanne shared is regarding starting a 3-year review cycle for articulated courses. Jeanne also shared that she added an “Employability Skills” topic to strengthen students’ soft skills (an Employability Skills boot camp is currently being explored). There was also a change related to the Counselor Workshop because it hasn’t been held in recent years; so, those funds have been allocated elsewhere. Please see attached for a copy of the grant application.
 - Melisa Hansen made a motion to approve and Jim Lee seconded. All attendees were in favor.

Next meeting dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at WITC-Shell Lake.

The group agreed to the following meeting dates/times:

Thursday, October 4, in Ashland from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 10 via distance from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Meeting held via ITV at the following locations/rooms:

CESA 11 – Turtle Lake, ITV Room

CESA 12 – Ashland Room 5

WITC-Ashland Room 208

WITC-Hayward Room 1

WITC-Ladysmith Room 1

WITC-New Richmond Room 1320

WITC-Rice Lake Room 116

WITC-Superior Room 101D

WITC-Shell Lake Conference Room C