

## PERKINS REAUTHORIZATION TECH PREP SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting at Valencia Community College-West Campus

January 30, 2007

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### PARTICIPANTS

Beverlee	Andrews	Valencia Community College
Billie	Birdsong	Lake County Schools
Julie	Summerlin	Lake County Schools
Susan	Burnett	St. Petersburg College
Angie	Clifford	Santa Fe Community College
Elizabeth	Living-Eassa, Co-Chair	Indian River Community College
Jack	Pause	Lee County Schools
Barbara	Wall	Pensacola Junior College
Rosario	Roman	Miami Dade College
Helen	Shub	Palm Beach Community College
Kelli	Kennedy	Manatee County Schools
Shermone	Flowers	Broward Community College
Gayle	Manley, Co-Chair	Florida Department of Education
Kathleen	Taylor	Florida Department of Education

### MEETING OVERVIEW

Co-Chair Elizabeth Living-Eassa (Libby) welcomed the group and shared expectations for the meeting. She stated that the committee was expected to prepare a final recommendation by the end of the meeting regarding merging with the basic grant or remaining separate. The decision would be presented at the State Advisory Committee meeting the next day (01/31). Three options were presented, and Libby set parameters for discussion of points and counterpoints.

#### *Options:*

- a) Submit #1 and #2 Recommendations as sole recommendation for transition plan/5-year plan. (Committee assumption: Ability to reassess and merge after 1 or 2 years)
  
- b) Submit #1 Recommendation as transition plan and next step defined as intent to continue review of both considerations for 5-year plan. (This leaves 5-year flexible)
  
- c) Submit #1 Recommendation for transition plan and recommendation #3 for 5- year plan.

Kathleen Taylor distributed a packet containing the agenda, Tech Prep Sub-Committee Recommendations for discussion, minutes from the two previous meetings, the Guide for the Submission of State Plans, Perkins Allocations Scenarios, and the Option for Consideration for Consolidation of Tech Prep and Basic State Grant.

Co-chair Gayle Manley welcomed the committee and announced that a notification of roll forward funds would be forthcoming in a few weeks. Original projects will be amended, and funds must be spent by June 30.

### **Recommendation # 1: Maintain a Separate Tech Prep Delivery System during the 2007-2008 Transition Year**

Gayle stated that Florida has already decided that the transition year will be separate. The same measures will be reported on this year, and there will be no major changes. One change, however, is that a program of study template must be submitted as part of the RFA. The committee recommended that all applicants submit two programs of study: one in health sciences and the other would be the choice of the applicant.

### **Recommendation # 2: Tech Prep in Florida: An Innovator for the State's Career and Technical Education System**

Discussion Point # 1: The last paragraph does not preclude developing a consortium governance structure.

Discussion Point # 2: Making articulation agreements mandatory would ensure that they will be done. Articulation agreements are defined under Sec. 135. In addition to accelerated credit, advanced standing for limited entry programs is a benefit.

Discussion Point # 3: In the basic grant, counseling and guidance are permissive, not mandated. Counseling and guidance and transition are emphasized in Tech Prep.

Discussion Point # 4: Julie Alexander advised the subcommittee to include 9<sup>th</sup> graders and 10<sup>th</sup> graders in the Tech Prep count. Further distinction regarding the interpretation of the definition of a Tech Prep student will be made at the state level. The committee suggested negotiating with the federal government on the importance of defining Florida's pathways in terms of career clusters.

### Recommendation # 3: Maintain the Tech Prep Identity within the Basic State Grant

Option 1: Suggested elaboration on the shared data portion to ensure that the data is usable.

#### Funding Options:

Beverlee Andrews, representing the Orange Osceola Valencia consortium presented an “Option for Consideration for Consolidation of Tech Prep and the Basic State Grant” to the subcommittee.

Funds could come from the state reserve funds for consortium structure and activities. Michael Brustein noted that in the basic grant a reserve can’t be distributed to a consortium but could only be distributed to an LEA.

Funds could come from the state reserve funds for consortium structure and activities. The best of Tech Prep is imbedded in the basic grant. If “must” wording isn’t included in the basic grant, some Tech Prep activities won’t be guaranteed. Collaboration and leadership team wording would need to be built into the basic grant. There should be one fiscal agent for the consortium. There’s a concern about dilution of funding.

Funding scenarios were distributed for review and discussion.

Upon discussing the issues summarized above, the subcommittee determined a secret vote was necessary and the group agreed to simple majority rule.

#### *Options for Vote:*

- A. Submit #1 and #2 as sole recommendation
- B. Submit #1 as TY + next step as intent to review both
- C. Submit #1 as TY and #3 for 5 years

The ability to reassess was assumed by the committee.

TY = Transition Year  
5 Yr = 5 Year Plan

Eight voted in favor of “A”, four voted in favor of “B”, and two voted in favor of “C”.

The group agreed to submit “A” as the recommendations to the State Advisory Committee.