

## PERKINS REAUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE

### CONFERENCE CALL

September 29, 2006

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### PARTICIPANTS

Beverlee Andrews, Valencia Community College (Tech Prep)  
Alan Applebaun, Broward Community College (Grants)  
Adelina Brann, Westside Technical Center (Accountability)  
Mary Bruno, Volusia County Schools (Accountability)  
Susan Burnett, St. Petersburg College (Tech Prep)  
Manny Castaneda, Miami-Dade Public Schools (Accountability)  
Dru Clark, Manatee Community College (Accountability)  
Caren Coleman, Florida Community College (Grants)  
Peg Connell, St. Petersburg College (Grants)  
Adora Davis, Duval County Public Schools (CTE Programs)  
Mollie DeHart, Miami Dade College (Accountability)  
Robert Downey, Broward County Schools (CTE Programs)  
David Edwards, Alachua County Public Schools (Grants)  
Mary Anne Facio, Indian River Community College (Grants)  
Cheryl Fante, Central Florida Community College (Accountability)  
Shermone Flowers, Broward Community College (Tech Prep)  
Linda Gettinger, Broward County Schools (Accountability)  
Rhonda Glover, Valencia Community College (Accountability)  
Elizabeth Gombash, Valencia Community College (Grants)  
Michael Grego, School District of Hillsborough County (CTE Programs)  
Andre Hawkins, Indian River Community College (Grants)  
Mark Hooper, Monroe County School District (CTE Programs)  
Lesena Jones, Valencia Community College (CTE Programs)  
Margaret Lewis, Brevard County Schools (Director)  
Elizabeth Livings-Eassa, Indian River Community College (Tech Prep)  
Dianne Messer, Brevard Community College (CTE Programs)  
Terry Miller, Lake Technical Center (CTE Programs)  
Susan Miller, Hillsborough County Schools (Accountability)  
John Miracola, Broward County Schools (Accountability)  
Gerry Mock, Indian River Community College (Accountability)  
Catherine Morris, Miami Dade College (Accountability)  
Deborah Morris, Florida Community College (CTE Programs)  
Jeff Nowak, Palm Beach Community College (Accountability)  
Ken Olsen, Taylor Technical Institute (Accountability)  
Catherine Olson, Orange County Schools (Grants)  
Jack Pause, Southwest Florida Tech Prep Consortium (Tech Prep)  
D Rackley, Gadsden District (CTE Programs)  
Eduardo Rivas, Miami Dade College (Grants)  
Donna Rivett, Indian River Community College (CTE Programs)

Jackie Rogers, Palm Beach Community College (CTE Programs)  
Sue Roshon, Lee County Schools (CTE Programs)  
Lisa Rubin, Broward Community College (Accountability)  
Kathie Schmidt, St. Lucie County School Board (CTE Programs)  
Connie Scotchel-Gross, School District of Palm Beach (CTE Programs)  
Stan Sidor, Daytona Beach Community College (Accountability)  
Cathy Simcox, North Florida Community College (Accountability)  
Louis Simmons, Duval County Public Schools (CTE Programs)  
Jeff Stevenson, Gulf Coast Community College (Grants)  
Barbara Szasz, Orange County Schools (Accountability)  
Joan Tiller, Valencia Community College (SAC)  
Bob Usef, Broward County Schools (CTE Programs)  
Lynne Voltaggio, Orange County Schools (CTE Programs)  
Doug Wagner, Manatee County Schools (SAC)  
Barbara Wall, Pensacola Junior College (Tech Prep)  
Edward Willey, Palm Beach Community College (CTE Programs)

## MINUTES

Dr. Bonnie Marmor began the conference call by thanking all the participants for their willingness to participate in this endeavor to redefine the direction of career and technical education (CTE) in Florida.

Conference call attendees were welcomed to the initial meeting of the Perkins Reauthorization Committee and members of the Planning Committee from Office of Workforce and Economic Development (OWED) were introduced.

Dr. Marmor outlined the following purpose of the conference call:

- To describe the purpose of function of the committee structure
- To explain the roles and responsibilities of the committees and its members
- To identify next steps
- To provide some time for questions

An email was sent prior to the conference call that contained attachments and links to important information. Dr. Marmor mentioned the materials and suggested that members read the *Conference Report* as a resource guide. She also mentioned the *Perkins IV Overview* by Kimberly Green, Director of the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), as a comprehensive summary of the new legislative requirements.

## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

Next, Dr. Marmor described the committee structure as being comprised of the following:

- 4 major sub-committees (Accountability, CTE Programs, Grants and Tech Prep)
  - DOE Co-Chairs

- Accountability – Tara Goodman
- CTE Programs – Andy Anderman and Nancy Cordill
- Grants – Gloria Spradley
- Tech Prep – Gayle Manley and Kathleen Taylor
- Incentives and sanctions (To be comprised of members from each sub-committee)
- State Advisory Committee (Bonnie Marmor, Margaret Lewis, Doug Wagner and Joan Tiller co-chairs)
- Steering Committee (Commissioner, Chancellors of Public Schools and Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education)

The role of the sub-committees will include identification and review of major Perkins IV implementation issues and submitting recommendations to the State Advisory Committee. Select members of the sub-committees will comprise a fifth sub-committee dealing with Incentives and Sanctions. The State Advisory Committee (SAC) will review sub-committee recommendations and submit final recommendations to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will make final decisions regarding the *State Plan*. Once the *State Plan* is finalized and approved by the Commissioner, the Governor will review before its submission to the United States Department of Education (US DOE).

The Steering Committee has provided guidance on the issue of local accountability. Local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving Perkins dollars will be held accountable to the state level targets on measures of performance. There will be no performance level negotiations between the Florida Department of Education and LEAs. Any other direction provided by the Steering Committee will be distributed as soon as it is received.

Dr. Marmor asked if there were questions regarding the committee structure and function. There were no questions.

### **PERKINS TIMELINE FOR REPORTS**

The timeline for reports due to the US DOE's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) incorporates two plans, the *2007-08 Transition Plan* and the *2008-2013 State Plan*, and OWED staff will be working on the two plans simultaneously. Florida's Transition Plan will be completed by February 2007 for review by the Commissioner and Governor then submission to OVAE by April 1, 2007.

Sub-committee work will be from October 2006 through June 2007 with the possibility of extending work through fall 2007.

Dr. Marmor indicated that the *Transition Plan* will include activities that meet the new requirements and are appropriate for implementation during the transition year, 2007-08.

Florida is moving ahead with planning activities but unanswered questions remain and we are awaiting guidance from the US DOE. We are working internally to plan for new accountability requirements and we will inform members as soon as new information is made available.

Dr. Marmor asked if there were questions relating to reporting timelines and there were none.

### **COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

For each sub-committee, one or more co-chairs have been identified to serve with the OWED co-chair(s). The practitioner co-chairs were chosen from a select number of volunteers with sector representation and LEA size/geography in mind to adequately represent Florida's CTE system. The OWED co-chair will contact practitioner co-chairs in the near future to plan for sub-committee work. It is anticipated that the work of the sub-committees will be conducted by conference call, email and through a Perkins IV website that OWED is developing. At this time, there is no expectation that in-person meetings will be necessary.

Dr. Marmor assures members that information on sub-committee meetings and timelines will be coming shortly. Some sub-committees, like CTE Programs, will have heavier workloads based on the issues to be addressed.

### **MAJOR DIFFERENCES WITH NEW STATE PLAN**

Dr. Marmor highlighted the following major changes that will occur with Perkins IV:

- Tech Prep may be maintained as a separate funding stream or may be folded into the Basic Grant.
- Programs of study will be required for each Career Cluster.
- There are many new accountability requirements including:
  - The addition of NCLB measures for secondary programs.
  - The requirement of third-party technical assessments for both secondary and postsecondary. We may consider a standardized assessment like NOCTI.
- Incentives and sanctions will be built into local accountability. Florida received \$63 million in Perkins funds this year. Local accountability is more important in Perkins IV and Florida's allocation will be contingent on meeting performance levels.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Sub-committee co-chairs will be meeting soon and the next sub-committee conference calls will be announced in the near future. The first sub-committee conference call will focus on discussing a short and comprehensive vision for Florida's CTE programs. Co-chairs will share the vision and elicit input as a starting point and foundation for the sub-committee work.

### **NATIONAL MEETINGS**

OWED staff, Nancy Cordill and Julie Alexander, will be attending a meeting led by OVAL on Perkins IV on October 6, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

OWED Planning Committee members and the SAC co-chairs will attend a meeting hosted by NASDCTEc from October 16-18, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Marmor shared her feelings of optimism about OVAE's new Assistant Secretary, Troy Justesen, and hopes there will be more direction and guidance provided in the near future regarding Perkins IV implementation.

### **GENERAL QUESTIONS**

Dr. Marmor asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Manny Castaneda, Miami-Dade Public Schools, asked if the Accountability and Accountability-Data are separate committees.

Tara Goodman responded that the Accountability-Data group is comprised of select members of the Accountability sub-committee and may be called upon to discuss detailed data implementation, to the data element level, as programmatic decisions are forwarded from the CTE Programs sub-committee. Members of the Accountability-Data group are also members of the larger Accountability sub-committee.

Dru Clark, Hillsborough Community College, voiced concern that the policy decisions are not divorced from the implementation discussions and all Accountability members should be involved.

Ms. Joan Tiller, Valencia Community College, inquired about the funding formula for the transition year.

Dr. Marmor indicated that the funding formula would remain unchanged, Perkins III, for the transition year to allow enough time to adequately plan for a new formula.

Ms. Tiller also asked if tech prep is rolled into the basic grant during the transition year would there still be a competitive grant process.

Dr. Marmor responded that we do not know at this time but the Tech Prep sub-committee will discuss as their first issue.

Ms. Kathy Schmidt, St. Lucie School District, indicated that there was excessive noise during the conference call and Dr. Marmor apologized emphasizing that the sub-committee calls should be less noisy due to a smaller number of participants.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Marmor thanked participants again for their time and willingness to help with the Perkins IV planning efforts. She indicated that all committee work will be shared via the website that will be available shortly.

The meeting was closed with a statement about the basic task for the sub-committees and the SAC to develop recommendations for the new state plan that will set the direction for CTE for the life of the act.

Dr. Marmor adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.