

Paraprofessional Consortium

August 12th, 2004

Larry Miller Center

Minutes

Future Meeting Dates: **September 30, 2004.**

Attendance: Marilyn Likins, Peggy Dooling-Baker, Michele Friz, Jan Pace, Pat Ault, Bob Morgan, Bruce Schroeder, Linda Alsop

Peggy Dooling-Baker welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Supporting Competencies Review – Marilyn Likins

Marilyn disseminated a draft of the Supporting Competencies and Standards. Marilyn stated that the Standards Committee revised some of the Supporting Competencies. There was some discussion about moving "Respecting Confidentiality" from the supporting competencies up into the Core Competencies. Also, "having a positive attitude and contributing to a positive work environment" was discussed. Marilyn provided an overview and reviewed why the Standards Committee placed it in the Supporting Competency Area. Standard 2: Demonstrate Professionalism and Ethical Practices. The committee will go back and look for consistency in the wording. Need a broader definition of Supporting Competencies. These will be posted on the Web Site.

Update on Para Training Programs

Salt Lake Community Para Program – Pat Ault, reported that SLCC is still maintaining paraed. program that is in place. Helping existing students achieve what is available at this point. The program has been down in enrollment numbers due to management and no interest in the distance ed. Pat stated that they mailed fliers announcing classes and did not get a response. There was a discussion about where announcements were sent as that makes a big difference. The college is in the middle of reorganization and the placement of the program is not clear at this point.

USU's Web-Based Para Associate Program – Bob Morgan stated that his role is development of 2 or 3 curriculum classes. Bob disseminated a draft of general education requirement. Courses available. The question posed to USU were answered: Responded to question raised by the Para Consortium Meeting held June 24th, 2004 related to articulation. A discussion followed on "what exactly is articulation". Will check on whether a 2-year program will transfer or articulate into becoming a jr. at another college. USU program is designed to articulate with USU sp. Ed. and elementary education bachelor's degrees.

If committee has question refer to Ronda Menlove and I will get with Ben and dust of previous letters on articulation.

Marilyn asked question concerning ESL and how it relates to question #3. Bob stated that

because it is an on line program, it will serve for some and not for all.

Davis ATC Para Program – Michele Friz has been in contact with Salt Lake Community College to explore articulation of her program as a whole. It appears that a students upon completion may end up with 12 credits that will roll over to Sal Lake Community College. 10 or 11 student have enrolled and are taking courses every other day.. The students that are enrolling are less confident about going to college but aspire to go on to be teachers. Possibility that her program can be used as another "highly qualified" option for NCLB.

Good to hear that we now can have non-credit programs that will apply.

Title I Paraprofessional Rule Update – Bruce Schroeder

Bruce will give an update next month,

Utah Paragraph

USOE will provide funding for the upcoming edition.

Calendar Consortium Meetings for the Year – Peggy Dooling Baker

September 30, Place will be announced.

Next meeting will be discussing

Supporting competencies

Web site

Title I Paraprofessional Rule Update