

Region 9 Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 23, 2012/11:00a.m.

EICC Board Room, 306 W River Drive, Davenport, IA

Present:

Ellen Kabat Lensch, EICC
Don Doucette, EICC
Ken Cowell, SAU
Doug Kutzli, EICC
Frank Weiser, EICC
Joe Coon, AEA
LeAnne Wagner (via phone)
Chet Rzonca (via phone)

Meeting officially began at 11:00

1. Introductions were made and Ellen Kabat Lensch, RTC Coordinator, gave a brief introduction and history of the RTC for new members. A variety of materials were handed out and reviewed including the listing of all members and their contact information, MAIX RTC FY12 progress report, powerpoint presentation on FY 2012 RTC Appropriation Allocation Process, Tentative Timeline for RTC Allocation Process, RTC Funding History, materials depicted the prior 12 years of MAIX RTC allocations, History of ICN Educational video rates, 2012 ICN Education Video Scheduling Deadlines and the proposed FY2013 MAIX RTC Plan and budget.

2. Ken Cowell, SAU, gave general overview of the updates. Ken discussed the reasoning behind the disbursement of funds in the past and the reasoning behind the new weekly/monthly reporting requirements. The state decided there wasn't enough accountability and wanted more transparency. Ken believes that this additional capturing of data could make a case for more funding as well as evidence and validation to conclude whether the current usage is a fair criteria for disbursement of funds.

3. Doug Kutzli, EICC, gave RTC scheduling processes and updates. Doug advised that scheduling is going on as usual without any big problems. The new reporting does require more clerical and felt the training was adequate. First month of reporting has gone ok with a few changes to the spreadsheet.

There are some ICN rooms that have been "decommissioned" without notice or by using proper procedures.

Due to time restraints of some of the attendees, Ellen gave a review of the new plan for 2013. All in attendance approve.

4. Frank Wieser, EICC, gave technician updates on the video classrooms. He reported no problems with new reporting system..

5. Joe Coon, Mississippi Bend AEA, gave an update that the AEA has been keeping close track using another software system. They managed to make some minor changes to accommodate the new reporting system.

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Joe Coon advises that there are only 9 regions for the AEA, not 15 like the community colleges. His question was how this impacted the distribution of funds. Ken said he would carry this question forward to the ETC.

Ellen wrapped up the meeting and commended everyone their good work and diligence.

Meeting officially ended at 12:00 p.m.