

Northern Region WECCP

Webcast Discussion Meeting Jan. 25, 2007 at CESA 12 Ashland

Summary written by Eve Zosel

Present: Eve Zosel, Coach; Sue Kovach PST CESA 12, Stephanie St. Germain PST CESA 9, Becky Randa B-3 CESA 12.

Discussion Slide 20:

Reviewed Northern Region Action Team. Need 1 committed from each program + others

Discussion Slide 24:

Need committed Action Team members. How to get them? Often no response from current team. Coach or representative should be at each State team meeting. Region needs should be shared to State Team

Discussion Slide 32:

February video conference, region will meet in one location. Will review region team, work on filling in gaps. Get committed members. Coach will contact current members again, to ask if they want to continue. Need a facilitator at each location of video conferences (Ashland & Wausau).

This has been a problem the in the past especially in the past 2+ years, due to changes in PST in Ashland, and PST in Tomahawk unable to attend, due to conflicts. Now with Stephanie St. Germaine as PST in Tomahawk, she will facilitate in Wausau, Sue Kovach PST in Ashland, and Coach will rotate or fill in at either site. Need to develop and up to date network listing of EC professionals. Difficult to know who does what in the large geographical area of the northern region.

Discussion slide 35:

Mini grant has been used for development of resource guide, resource listing on collaborating partners website, books and resource materials, a one day Mental Health initiative conference, scholarships for network attendees to attend statewide conference and various EC workshops. Becky Collins, CESA 9 writes/administers grants.

Need to have a regional action team retreat for developing /setting vision and goals/developing commitment within the team, work on a regional work plan. Sue Kovach will check on location for retreat/ and suggested April/May dates. Coach will contact Jill Haglund/Kathy Boisvert about facilitation. More planning/development for retreat at Feb. 8 videocast.

Discussion Slide 41:

Regional action team needs to meet twice a year for planning, etc. (this is in addition to the network regional meetings). Probably October/April.

Listserv would be an efficient way for regional action team and regional network to connect for meeting notification, workshop announcements, questions/concerns, discussion. How can this be set up/ who sends info....coach?

Webcast is a great way to get info, view when convenient, and not have to travel.

Videoconferences are needed too, to have face to face meeting, and live dialog with the entire state. Suggested Nov. May videocasts. Feb. & Summer webcast.

Need for materials for video conferences to be sent well in advance of video conference days. PST's are not in the office everyday, and need time to get the materials copied and collated.

Coaches time has been increased significantly for Regional network activities.

Discussion Slide 48:

Mini grant was submitted by Becky Collins, money has not been received yet, so can't spend yet. Grant money: \$1500 for conference participation and \$2200 for purchasing materials, holding trainings, meetings, etc

Will begin developing a work plan to address the redesign and regional needs at Feb. 8 videoconference and retreat.

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Webcast Discussion Meeting Jan 26, 2007 at CESA 9 Tomahawk

Summary by Stephanie St. Germain

Present: Stephanie St. Germain, PST CESA 9: Karen Williams, B-3
ReSource, Wausau Julie Stavarn, CYSHCN, Wausau

Discussion Slide 24:

We don't have an action team. How do you get people to be committed to meet and help plan. There needs to definitely be two groups--a action team (that does most of the planning) and a networking team that encompasses the entire group.

What is the commitment that people have to put forth. Should it be written down and discussed? We need to find the people who can committ and produce for us.

For our Public Health representative we talked about contacting Iron and Price counties.

Karen and Julie will tap into resources in the south for people for Public health

The retreat sounds like a wonderful idea.

Discussion Slide 32:

We need to have more coordination and communication for things coming up (meetings, phone calls, grants etc.) Reminders need to be sent out either via email, or phone calls about things going on. We talked about the phone call that was held to talk about the grant--about how there was no notification that it was happening. If an email had gone out, more would have taken part in it. Try not to change the meeting dates etc so often.

This messes everyone up and then less happen to come to meetings because no one knows what is going on.

We talked about our Collaboration Coach rotating their presence at the meetings, not just attending the northern meetings. At times when IP held in Wausau, they were left on their own. Needs to be facilitation that is consistent for communication and collaboration.

State Functions-it is important that Eve has a presence there. Many people in the region don't know who she is or her role (as heard from others) and being at state conferences/functions helps represent the northern region.

Possibly these functions can be a time where everyone who is at the functions from the Northern Region can all gather and talk about things going on.

Discussion Slide 35:

There has been no communication as to what is going on, how the northern region grant turned out. Many would like to see the grant. B-3 has been left out many times--we can do a better job collaborating and working together.

What was the resource guide that was developed for the Northern Region.

What is it and can we pull from there for members of the action team?

Can we pay stipends to come to the meetings for members of the action team, if the person's agency wouldn't support them in attendance at these meetings.

The northern region is lacking leadership role. We need to do a better job and have consistency at meetings.

The regional list serve is very important. Have a list serve for the action team and one for the networking team. Possibly should be up to the Collaboration coach. Do we use grant money to support a list serve?

Discussion Slide 41:

At our big regional meetings, we should have input from the state on how to guide these discussions.

Website--do we need it, what is our cost and energy to keep it going. We don't have anything on our page that is really meaningful.

We should be sending out meeting minutes and agendas from past meetings in case someone doesn't attend they can look at what was talked about at the meeting and then they know what is going on also.

Discussion 48:

We need to use our money more wisely for Northern region--use it to help support the action team.

Did they have a state action team meeting in January and can we get a report from all the state meetings to know what happens at it.

We need to develop a work plan, and hopefully we can get this accomplished at the retreat.

We should send out 2-3 questions before the retreat to get people thinking about this work plan:

1. How do we develop a regional action team?
2. What would you expect out of an action team member?
3. How can we make these meetings more meaningful/relevant?
4. How do we make our northern region stronger?
5. What can be the expectations of....
6. Collaboration Coach
7. Members of the network team
8. Members of the Action Team