

Mississippi's School-to-Careers Initiative
State Partner Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2000 @ 2:30 p.m. – room 143
Central High School Building

State Partners Present:

Jean Denson
William McHenry
Wayne Stonecypher
Kelly Riley
Suzanne Ulmer

Others Present:

Amani Bailey
Jeannine Drake
Karen Gates
Joe Haynes
Di Ann Lewis
Dennis Watts
Fred Westcott

Minutes:

- I. Introductions
- II. Opening Remarks
 - ❖ Joe Haynes gave opening remarks regarding the overall School-to-Careers Initiative and the New States Institute meeting in Clearwater, FL.
- III. New States Institute, Clearwater, Florida
 - ❖ The State Director reviewed the Florida Institute and specifically went through the Guiding Principles” and “Decision Making Guide” adopted. The State Director also committed to making the adopted guides into permanent signs.
- IV. Technical Assistance Funds & Ideas
 - ❖ State Director reviewed the TA line of credit and provided a handout to all partners.
 - ❖ Two decisions were made:
 - ❖ The State Director and Staff To develop TA for local partnerships
 - ❖ State Partners to meet on April 26th at Eagle Ridge Conference Center for a full day for planning and reaching consensus about operational procedures and state level activities. Additionally, it was agreed to continue to work with the facilitator that worked with our team in Florida.
- V. Presentations
 - ❖ Marketing
 - ❖ The Cirlot Agency gave a presentation on their marketing firm. Additionally, they gave specific ideas previously presented to IHL.
 - ❖ Key to their work is a research component.
 - ❖ It was agreed that the Cirlot Agency would sit in on our meeting on April 26 in order to hear from the partners their ideas.
 - ❖ Evaluation
 - IHL inquired as to whether it would be appropriate to bring an evaluator they had talked with to present at the April 26th meeting, however, because of procurement issues it was decided that the presentation would not be appropriate. Consensus was not to invite the group therefore, allowing the partners to review/discuss/ and reach consensus on evaluation.

- VI. Discussion of Additional State Partners
 - ❖ It was unanimous that the State Partners could and should expand their membership to include the following three agencies:
 - ❖ The Public Forum
 - ❖ MEC (State Chamber of Commerce)
 - ❖ Maybe the State PTA
 - ❖ Consensus was reached for the State Director to research the issues involving the three above groups and provide Kelly Riley with information and direction for the Governor to make appointments.
- VII. Continuation Application for Local Partnerships
 - ❖ Decision was made to hold the discussion of the continuation application for local partnerships until the next meeting.
- VIII. State Director Update
 - ❖ See attached.
 - ❖ It was requested that we pull together a listing of partnerships' partners and an overview of local initiatives. Dennis Watts will work with the State STC Office to accomplish this task.
- IX. Data & Communications Forum
 - ❖ A report was given on the team attending the Data & Communications Forum in San Antonio, Texas on April 10-13, 2000.
- X. Monthly Meetings
 - ❖ Discussion was tabled until the April 26 meeting.
- XI. May Monthly Meeting
 - ❖ Tabled until discussion at the April 26th meeting.