

Mississippi's School-to-Careers Initiative
STC State Partner Meeting
June 6, 2000 – 3:00 – 5:00
MDE Room 136

Members Present:

Debbie Duncan
Johnny Franklin (Representing William Lewis)
Wayne Stonecypher
William McHenry
Kelly Riley
Suzanne Ulmer
George Walker

Members Absent:

Obra Hackett – Mississippi Parent-Teacher Association
Joe Haynes – MDE/Leadership & Operations
Blake Wilson - Mississippi Economic Council

Others Present:

Amani Bailey	The Cirlot Agency
Jeannine Drake	-Melinda Jordan
Karen Gates	-Chip Mabry
Elizabeth Vasquez	-Rick Looser
Dennis Watts	

1. Minutes of May Meeting

- Ms. Riley made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 4 meeting with the change of one item and Dr. McHenry seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Ms. Riley requested that members review the minutes of the April 26th meeting and provide any changes to Ms. Ulmer for approval at the next meeting.

2. Summary of May 23 Planning/Continuation Application training for local partners (*Suzanne Ulmer*)

- Ms. Ulmer gave an updated report and thanked IHL for their support. She stated that the Continuation process appeared to be well received by the local partnerships who also provided favorable comments toward the site visit process. Ms. Ulmer reported that twenty of the local partnerships signed up for the June 16th Institute Planning meeting to be held at Eagle Ridge.

3. Local partners' comments on evaluation piece (*Dennis Watts*)

- Mr. Watts reported that he had set up a List Serve and notified the STC Local Partnerships. He added that he will also email each STC State Partner and the STC office.
- Mr. Watts explained that following the May 23rd training; a meeting was held with two local partnerships to gather comments for the evaluation instrument.
- Ms. Riley expressed an urgency to provide the evaluation instrument to the Local Partnerships. Mr. Watts agreed to provide a draft to the State Partners for final approval.
- Mr. Watts reported on the evaluation instrument and distributed information on the project to the members.

4. State Partnership's June 14th review of local partners' Continuation Applications (*Elizabeth Vasquez*)

- Ms. Vasquez gave a report of the Continuation Timeline and rating process to the group. There was a discussion of the date for the State Partners' review process.
- MDE will furnish meeting room and food for the Review Process on June 14th.
- Mr. Walker asked for a representative at the SWDC on June 14th to answer any questions.
- Ms. Vasquez distributed handouts to members in preparation for the Continuation Application Review process.

- Ms. Ulmer provided a brief report on the Review Process. Mr. Stonecypher asked if the same process will occur in September with the other 21 partnerships. Ms. Ulmer replied that a similar on-site review for continuation will be conducted in the Fall with all 50 local partnerships. The on-site review will consist of a two-person team made up of one State Partner and one member from a Local Partnership.
 - Ms. Riley requested that the STC office to provide all relevant information to all members who were absent.
- 5. Overview of the Focus Group Research (Cirlot Agency, 4:00 – 4:30)**
- The Cirlot Agency passed out a *School-to-Careers Focus Group Executive Summary* report and gave a presentation to the members on the research they have conducted. There was discussion of the information presented and the group viewed new logo designs. After a lengthy discussion by the members, Ms. Riley suggested that the logo designs and the STC logo be sent to the 50 partnerships requesting comments back in a 2-week timeframe for discussion and final approval at the next meeting.
 - IHL and the Cirlot Agency will present recommendations / timelines / budget for state level work at the June 29th meeting.
- 6. State Director's Report (Suzanne Ulmer)**
- (See Attached)
- 7. 2001 State Conference (Kelly Riley)**
- (Did Not Address)
- 8. July meeting date**
- The July monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29 from 3:00 – 5:00
- 9. Agenda Items for July Meeting**
- Will discuss state level initiative
 - Local continuation applications not meeting scoring requirements