

Monday, November 8, 2010

3.30 - 5.00 pm

SHEEO Mingle Conference Room
Suite 103

Self-Funded Units Committee Meeting

Kaye Howe (CO), chair
James Hansen (SD), vice chair
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

Jim Johnsen (AK)
Leah Bornstein (AZ)
Appointment pending (CA)
Committee chair (CO)
Roberta Richards (HI)
Michael Rush (ID)
Sheila Stearns (MT)
David Nething (ND)
Patricia Sullivan (NM)
Warren Hardy (NV)
Camille Preus (OR)
Committee vice chair (SD)
Peter Knudson (UT)
Position open (WA)
Thomas Buchanan (WY)

Agenda

Presiding: James Hansen, vice chair

Staff:

Ellen Wagner, executive director, WCET
Mollie McGill, deputy director, programs and membership, WCET
Russ Poulin, deputy director, research and analysis, WCET
Louis Fox, senior associate, Technology and Innovation
Dennis Mohatt, vice president for behavioral health and director,
Mental Health Program



Approval of the Self-funded Units Committee
meeting minutes of May 17, 2010

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Information Items:

WCET:

- Progress report on WCET highlights since May, including new Website, Webcast series, and advocacy on federal policy issues
- Transparency by Design update
- Revenue update
- Update on Gates proposal: *Continuous Quality Improvement in Online Learning*

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Technology & Innovation:

- U.S. Unified Community Anchor Network (U.S. UCAN)
- FCC e-rate changes and resulting impacts on universities and university-led state and regional optical networks
- National Internet2 K20 initiative and the WICHE West

Mental Health Program:

- Supporting military and veterans – Department of Defense contract/Citizen Soldier Support Program
- New national technical assistance center on the integration of mental health and primary care – WICHE's role on behavioral health workforce issues
- National Institute of Mental Health study update – mental health on college campuses

Other business

Adjournment

ACTION ITEM

Self-Funded Units Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2010

Committee Members Present

Kaye Howe (CO), chair
James Hansen (SD), vice chair
Leah Bornstein (AZ)
James Silva (CA)
Roberta Richards (HI)
Michael Rush (ID)
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)
David Nething (ND)
Jane Nichols (NV)
Camille Preus (OR)
Peter Knudson (UT)
Thomas Buchanan (WY)

Committee Members Absent

Warren Hardy (NV)
Patricia Sullivan (NM)

Staff Present

David Longanecker, WICHE president
Louis Fox, vice president, Technology and Innovation
Mimi McFaul, associate director, Mental Health Program
Mollie McGill, associate director, WCET
Dennis Mohatt, director, Mental Health Program,
and vice president for behavioral health
Ellen Wagner, executive director, WCET

Committee chair Kaye Howe convened the meeting.

The committee approved the minutes of the November 2, 2009, Self-Funded Units Committee meeting.

Ellen Wagner reported on WCET's recent SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis and WCET's workplan for FY 2011. Highlights of her presentation included the following.

- WCET recently completed an audit of its membership base and services most valued by members, as well as a review of other e-learning organizations, and realigned its services and priorities around a new action agenda.
- WCET has updated and sharpened its mission statement and soon will announce a rebranding of the WCET name (as the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies) and a realignment with WICHE.
- WCET's priorities for FY 2011 and key themes for programmatic events include: authentication, accountability, adult learners, student retention, student completion, and mobility.
- WCET will continue to serve as a leading national organization promoting effective policies and practices to advance the use of technology in higher education.
- WCET is submitting a proposal to the Gates Foundation on quality measures. WCET will partner with several institutions to develop a proposal on predictive analytics to inform student success strategies.

Louis Fox gave updates on the following WICHE Technology and Innovation initiatives and interests.

- Work with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Federal Communications Commission, and National Science Foundation.
- National Internet2 K20 Initiative and U.S. United Community Anchor Network (U.S. UCAN).
- eScience Institute and Open Content initiative.

Dennis Mohatt reported on the Mental Health Program.

- Budget review: The Mental Health Program will finish the fiscal year with almost \$100,000 in its fund balance.
- Mental Health currently has 18 active projects (seven of those are in Alaska, four are in South Dakota, one is in Colorado, and they have many federal contracts).
- The draft Mental Health Program brochure and financial information includes information about how the program money is procured and a history of the Mental Health affiliation dues for the past five years.
- The National Institute of Mental Health grant (on mental health first aid on college campuses) has recruited schools from 10 of the 15 WICHE states for year two of the study.

The committee adjourned.

INFORMATION ITEM
Update on Gates proposal:
Continuous Quality Improvement in Online Learning

This project proposes using large-scale data analysis to promote continuous quality improvement in U.S. postsecondary online learning programs. By aggregating data sets from multiple institutions and using advanced statistical modeling to identify patterns that predict performance, we can help practitioners spot barriers to student success before they become problems and focus attention on enablers that predictably and reliably improve student achievement, particularly in traditionally underserved populations.