Self-funded Units Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015
8:00 – 9:00 am
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Self-funded Units Committee Meeting

Jim Hansen (SD), chair
Jim Johnson (AK), vice chair
Eileen Klein (AZ)
TBD (CA)
Loretta Martinez (CO)
Jude Hofschneider (CNMI)
TBD (HI)
Matt Freeman (ID)
Pat Williams (MT)
Fred Lokken (NV)
Mark Moores (NM)
Ray Holmberg (ND)
Camille Preus (OR)
Committee chair (SD)
Peter Knudson (UT)
Don Bennett (WA)
Sam Krone (WY)

Agenda

Presiding: Jim Hansen, chair

Staff:
Mike Abbiatti, WCET executive director, and WICHE vice president for educational technologies
Mollie McGill, director, programs and membership, WCET
Russ Poulin, director, policy and analysis, WCET
Dennis Mohatt, vice president for behavioral health, Mental Health Program
Ken Cole, director of operations, Mental Health Program

Action Item
Approval of the May 11, 2015 Self-funded Units Committee meeting minutes

Information Item – WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies

WCET Updates on the FY16 Workplan

Membership and Member Leadership Groups
Adaptive Learning – Summit, Fellows Program
Webcast Series and Enterprise Webinar Services
e-Learning Policy and Advocacy

WCET Research

State Authorization Network (SAN)

High-School-to-Higher-Ed Transition Opportunities with Technology

Budget update

Information Item – Mental Health Program

Mental Health Program Update:
  - Budget update
  - Program update
  - Nomination of two WICHE Commissioners to the Mental Health Oversight Council

Other business

Adjournment
ACTION ITEM
Self-funded Units Committee Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2015

Committee Members Present
Jim Hansen (SD), chair
Jim Johnsen (AK), vice chair
Eileen Klein (AZ)
Loretta Martinez (CO)
Mike Rush (ID)
Pat Williams (MT)
Ray Holmberg (ND)
Camille Preus (OR)
Don Bennett (WA)

Committee Members Absent
Linda Thor (CA)
Jude Hofschneider (CNMI)
Francisco Hernandez (HI)
TBD (NV)
Mark Moores (NM)
Peter Knudson (UT)
Sam Krone (WY)

Commissioner Hansen called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEM
Approval of the Self-Funded Units Committee Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014

A motion TO APPROVE THE SELF-FUNDED UNITS COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM November 10, 2014, was made by Commissioner Hansen, moved by Commissioner Johnsen, and seconded by Commissioner Martinez. The minutes were approved and submitted.

Mental Health Program Update
Staff from the Mental Health Program introduced themselves. Dr. Alyssa Gilden, a previous post-doctoral fellow, has transitioned to the position of behavioral health research and technical assistance associate. Amanda Strickland, also a behavioral health research and technical assistance associate, is a new hire.

Dennis Mohatt and Ken Cole reviewed the Mental Health Program’s financial performance for FY15 as well as the projected budget for FY16. The program looks fiscally sound for FY16. It was noted that future budget surpluses would be paid toward their balance to the WICHE reserves. The MHP aims to eliminate its debt to WICHE in the next two years.

Cole and the Mental Health Program’s budget coordinator, Sandra Martinez, are working to build processes that closely track projects’ revenue and expenses. It is hoped that such processes will aid project management by providing real-time assessments of expenses.

Mohatt talked about existing projects including the Psychology Internship Initiative. The Mental Health Program has 28 projects for FY15 and served all but four states of the commission. To close, he reported on the continuation of the Rural Veteran Suicide Prevention work with Veterans Affairs and new projects starting in Hawai‘i, Idaho, and South Dakota.
ACTION ITEM
Approval of the FY 2016 Workplan Sections Pertaining to the Mental Health Program

A motion TO APPROVE THE FY 2016 WORKPLAN SECTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM was made by Commissioner Hansen, moved by Commissioner Johnsen, and seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The workplan was approved and submitted.

WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET) Update
WCET Executive Director Mike Abbiatti briefed the committee on WCET’s process to identify and set strategic foci, operational priorities, and tactical assets/events for its 2015 action agenda. Strategic input was obtained from the WCET Executive Council, and the WCET Steering Committee provided operational input as the baseline for the 2015 plan. The WCET items in the overall WICHE workplan are a direct reflection of the outcomes of the 2105 planning process.

WCET activities and events fit within at least one of three strategic focus areas: 1) technology-enhanced teaching and learning practice, 2) the evolving policy ecosystem driving technology-enhanced teaching and learning, and 3) member-driven advocacy for dynamic deployment, support and governance of technology-enhanced teaching and learning.

Operational niches for 2015 are: 1) adaptive learning, 2) evolving policy issues, and 3) the role of technology in the high-school-to-higher-education transition. WCET’s five tactical assets are: the Annual Meeting, Leadership Summits, one-to-many electronically delivered webinars and Google Hangouts, the Frontiers blog, content distribution via the WCET website and documents such as the Talking Points series, and a new Fellows Program. The Fellows Program will enable WCET to extend staff resources, more deeply engage members, and generate a broader and deeper understanding of selected topics of interest.

Abbiatti provided examples of activities and events associated with the 2015 planning process and the direct relationship with the overall WICHE workplan. Specific reference was made to the June Adaptive Learning Leadership Summit in Santa Fe, NM, and the successful relationship between the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) team and the WCET State Authorization Network (SAN) team. WCET’s SAN program began its fifth year on April 1 with over 70 member institutions and systems. WCET’s expertise on policy awareness and policy interpretation continues to be a service highly desired and used by the membership.

Finally, the 2015 budget was briefed in support of the currently planned and evolving events and activities for the coming year. The budget is both financially sound and sustainable. Having no further business, Abbiatti yielded the floor for questions and comments from the committee members.

Commission Hansen adjourned the meeting.