Non-traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners
South Dakota’s WICHE-facilitated Meeting

Best Western Ramkota Hotel
Pierre, South Dakota
May 14, 2009

AGENDA

8.30 am  Breakfast
Gallery B

9.00 – 9.15 am  Welcome
Amphitheater II
Robert T. Perry, executive director, South Dakota Board of Regents

9.15 – 9.30 am  Overview of Non-traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners
Amphitheater II
The NTNM project seeks to improve access and success for adult learners in postsecondary education by specifically targeting ready adults. This session will review the project, discuss lessons learned in other states, and lay out project goals and objectives for the next two years.

Speaker:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Amphitheater II
This session will examine how the NTNM effort fits within the context of South Dakota’s broader long-range goals and objectives for higher education and workforce development. The session will also present background information, including data on ready adults in the state.

Speaker:
Paul Turman, director of academic assessment, South Dakota Board of Regents

10.15 – 10.30 am  Break

Supported by a grant from Lumina Foundation for Education
10.30 am – 12.00 noon Concurrent Working Group: Data
*Lake Francis Case A*

Facilitator:
James Purcell, director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Concurrent Working Group: Financing/Financial Aid
*Lake Francis Case B*

Facilitator:
David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Concurrent Working Group: Academic Affairs
*Lake Sharpe A*

Facilitator:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Concurrent Working Group: Student Services
*Lake Sharpe B*

Facilitator:
LeRoy Walser, consultant, Choosing Excellence, LLC

10.30 am – 12.00 noon Concurrent Working Group: Communications
*Various*

The members of the communications working group will attend the sessions of the other working groups for the morning breakout sessions. This will allow them to develop a better understanding of the content to be communicated to the target population.

12.00 – 12.45 pm Lunch and Networking
*Lake Sharpe A & B*

12.45 – 1.30 pm Concurrent Working Group: Data
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Amphitheater II

The members of the communications working group will gather as one group to review their morning sessions and discuss strategies to reach ready adults.

Facilitator:
Jami Hornbuckle, assistant vice president for communications and marketing, Morehead State University

1.30 – 2.30 pm  Bringing It All Back Together: A Discussion Among the Working Groups  
Amphitheater II

While the project is designed to specifically address the five primary areas – academic affairs, communications, data, financing/financial aid, and student services – that affect ready adults and their return to college, it is also important to ensure that the working groups do not inadvertently settle into silos. This session is an opportunity for working group members to come together to discuss state and institutional barriers that limit opportunities for adult learners and to brainstorm possible solutions.

Facilitator:
David A. Longanecker, president, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

2:30 – 3:15 pm  What’s Next? Establishing a Plan of Action for Reaching Ready Adults in South Dakota  
Amphitheater II

This facilitated session is designed to help participants plan a coordinated course of action for the project.

Facilitators:
Demarée K. Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Paul Turman, director of academic assessment, South Dakota Board of Regents

3:15 – 3:30 pm  Closing Remarks  
Amphitheater II

Paul Turman, director of academic assessment, South Dakota Board of Regents

3:30 pm  Adjournment