



Group Meeting Notes

TEI Group: Early Childhood Education
Date/Time/Location: 7/26/2017 / 10AM/ College of Central Wyoming
Members in Attendance: Mark Bittner, Tricia Johnson, Lety Liera, Tim Shepard, Becca Steinhoff, Nic Whynott, Jennifer Zook
Support in Attendance: Jeanette Joyce, David Yanoski

Information Reviewed: Further conversations from Rebecca on direction to take and guidance on what TEI can and cannot fund

Discussion: Tricia and Mark shared the outline and ideas for a "big idea" proposal. This followed a conversation that they had with Rebecca about lines around what was fundable. While designing a new program may be outside the sphere of the RWG, we can propose innovations in how it is done, and we can propose direct services as long as the proposal ties back to preservice preparation.

Given this direction, Mark and Tricia suggest a large scale proposal for the Wyoming Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. Their proposal outline was circulated. It has a three part approach: PD, Degree Program, and Research. The group's initial response was that this is somewhat huge and hard to digest immediately.

We then began to move point by point through the proposal, getting comments and questions on each piece. Initial reaction was mostly positive, with some concerns about scale and sustainability.

Votes/Actions: The group voted unanimously to move forward with this proposal, potentially for the September deadline.

Deadlines / Tasks / Responsibilities: All will email David about availability for Aug 16th or 17th.
David will run the proposal idea by Rebecca.
Jeanette and David will add notes to the proposal idea from today's meeting and Becca's data, and then post to a google doc.
All will make contributions by Aug 11 for discussion at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: August 16 or 17

Trustees Education Initiative Work Group Meeting Notes
