

21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC)
Networking Conference Call
January 8, 2013

Notes

Welcome

John welcomed the participants.

Notices/Updates/Reminders

- *Cohort H – Request For Proposal (RFP) Technical Assistance (TA) – January 22*
Participants were reminded that if they are planning to write for a Cohort H 21st CCLC application they should register for the RFP TA. The RFP TA will be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing. There were questions regarding the Cohort H application. MDE staff shared that the questions would be answered at the RFP TA.
- *Notice of Intent Forms*
Participants were reminded that if they plan to submit a Cohort H – 21st CCLC proposal that they should submit a Notice of Intent to Apply form. This form is helpful to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff for planning.
- *Project Director Institute – January 23*
Participants were reminded to register for the Project Directors Institute. It will be held at the Lexington Hotel in Lansing.
- *The Michigan AfterSchool Association (MAA) Professional Development Webinar Series on Core Competencies – January 30*
Participants were given notice that MAA will be holding a series of webinars on the National AfterSchool Association (NAA) Core Competencies. The first webinar will be on core competency #10 – Professional Development and Leadership.
- *Readers Needed*
Participants were reminded that if they are not applying for the Cohort H funding they could be a grant reader. The grant reader form can be found on the 21st CCLC website.
- *Final Expenditure Reports (FERs) and Grant Spending*
John shared with participants the process for FERs and ensuring that the grant funds are spent in a timely way. This is an area that needs improvement. There is work at MDE's level to support changes and clarification to the process of FERs. More information regarding this process will be shared in the future.

Topic: Happy New Year: What are your resolutions?

- *Program Resolutions*

Wyoming shared that their New Year's resolution is to look more closely at the *Model Standards for After-School/Out-of-School Time Programs in Michigan*. Lorraine shared that there are revisions to the standards that will be going to the State Board of Education at their January meeting. It will then go out to the field for public comment. Lorraine shared that if individuals would like a draft copy of the revised standards they can e-mail her at thoresonl@michigan.gov.

- *Professional Development Resolutions*

Detroit Youth Foundation shared that their New Year's resolution is to increase professional development opportunities for their staff.

Grand Rapids Public Schools shared that they have spent the last year revamping their professional development system and are looking to continue to work to provide professional development for their site staff.

John shared that one of his New Year's resolutions is to see more grantees participate in professional development in the field because he felt that last year with the cuts to funding this was the area that was reduced.

It was charged to the participants that a New Year's resolution they could resolve to is to present at professional development events. One event that is currently looking for presenters is the MAA Collaborative Summer Summit. The presenter proposal form was sent out on the 21st CCLC listserv and will be posted to the new MAA website at www.miafterschool.com.

- *Fiscal Resolutions*

Grand Rapids Public Schools shared that one of their New Year's resolution is to spend all their funds by having new contract language. These modifications have come from some changes in leadership with partners and within Grand Rapids Public School District administration. They also resolve to do quarterly reviews of their expenditures.

It was shared by MDE that there is planning to conduct quarterly expenditure spot checks. More information on this process will be shared as it is developed. MDE will also be monitoring the monthly draws to ensure that grants are pulling funds in a timely manner.

These are two new processes that are being developed per recommendations from the United State Department of Education. Grand Rapids Public Schools also shared that another New Year's resolution was to continue to use their data to help with how their partners are expending their funds.

Topics for the Next Call:

It was shared that a topic for a call could be to give directors a chance on how to support site staff in their professional development journey and what resources are out there for project directors to use.

Next Call

The next call is scheduled for February 12, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.