

21st Century Community Learning Centers
Networking Conference Call
October 8, 2013

Notes

Notices/Updates/Reminders

Lorraine Thoreson reminded participants that the important dates document is located on the 21st CCLC website.

As of right now the federal shut-down has not had impact on 21st CCLC because it is forward funded. If the state runs out of funds for reimbursement, there will be an impact. It was suggested that if any grantees receive information, especially about CACFP reimbursement, to please share it with your lead consultant.

The Michigan AfterSchool Association (MAA) Collaborative Conference is coming up October 18-19, participation is encouraged, for those who still need to register, there is still time. The conference is being held at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. The preliminary program and detailed information about the conference are available on the MAA website www.miafterschool.com

In September the U.S. Department of Education notified MDE that Michigan had been selected as one of three states to participate in a 21st CCLC/NASA STEM Pilot. Eight middle school programs were selected and training was held at the end of September. Currently this project is on hold due to federal shut down and NASA furlough.

There is a new listserv for 21st CCLC; all departments in the State of Michigan are now using the new GovDelivery system. This is a one way communication. If you would like something posted to the listserv, please send that information to your lead consultant.

Mary Sutton provided updates from the Michigan After-School Partnership (MASP). MASP partners with many groups in the education field, including MAA. MASP has focused more on STEM work over the last couple years, emphasizing high-quality experiences for youth. MASP will be forming committees to help guide what the needs of STEM are in the field and for the After-School Ambassador Program. For the ambassador program MASP is looking for people who would like to advocate for after-school. Please contact Mary if you are interested in participating in either of these programs.

The MET Life Foundation Innovator award, deadline has been extended. Mary encouraged programs to self-nominate. This is a \$10,000 award. Several Michigan programs have won in the past.

Lights On is October 17 this year. This is a nationally recognized day where after-school can highlight what is going on in their programs. This is a good opportunity to host an open house or other event. Mary Sutton suggested contacting Jennifer Bonner of Battle Creek Schools for ideas about Lights On. Jennifer shared that their program will be hosting an event at a children's garden in their area with activities such as a planetarium show, bouncy houses, and clowns with balloons. It was recommended to notify local politicians and the media about your events.

Bright House will be offering a \$2,000 prize for a Lights On event; you can get more information about this on the After-School Alliance website www.afterschoolalliance.org

MASP will be losing the VISTA, that was hired to work on increasing Food Program participation, MASP will be unable to replace the position until February. If you know of someone interested in this VISTA position, or if you need assistance in the interim, contact Mary (www.miafterschool.org or msutton@uwmich.org)

Brenda Causey-Mitchell from Pontiac had a question about obtaining a copy of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to show partnership with other organizations. It was asked that if anyone has a good example of a MOU, that they share it with Lorraine at thoresonl@michigan.gov so that she can distribute it to the group.

Lorraine shared that MASP and MDE are working to align with the Early Childhood Professional Development System. Workgroups are being formed to work on core knowledge and competencies, access to the field, registry, and trainer and training approval systems. Volunteers from the after-school field are needed. If anyone is interested in participating on these workgroups (meeting in Lansing), please let Lorraine know.

The Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference is November 18 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This is in partnership with the College Access Network. There is an after-school track with benefit for middle and high school on how to stay connected for college. Preconference is Sunday evening and the National College Board will be there. There will be presentations all day Monday.

TACSS is doing a pilot program on parent engagement. The focus is on helping navigate through the system, and how to be prepared for college. If

you are participating in this pilot, the Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference would be especially beneficial.

Topics for the Next Call:

James Yake from Genesee ISD asked for guidance about food purchasing since there has been some talk from both the state and federal levels. He also asked for guidance on attendance policies for 2014-15. Is it possible to test them?

Tara Ward from SEEDS asked for a political update on continuing funding from the federal level. In response to Tara's suggestion, Mary Sutton let everyone know that MASP is part of the new online platform called Engage, this will send out links on what is happening on the federal, state, and local level and will be more current. Click on the link on the MASP website to join to get the newsletter. The Engage platform will be available in about a month.

Lorraine commented that MASP and the AfterSchool Alliance are good resources for this for current information.

The next call will be November 12, 2013 beginning at 11:00 a.m. The guest speakers will be Jim Sinnamon and Colleen Nelson from the Bureau of Child and Adult Licensing. They will highlight changes that after-school needs to be aware of in the new rules that will go into effect on January 1, 2014.