

21st Century Community Learning Centers
Networking Conference Call
November 13, 2012

Notes

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Welcome

Pat Hennessey welcomed the participants.

Notices/Updates/Reminders

- *Attendance/EZReports*
Pat reminded participants to be sure to submit their attendance on the 10th of the month for EZReports. Consultants are beginning to schedule on-site monitoring visits and attendance reports are reviewed.
- *Request for Proposals (RFP) Technical Assistance Workshop*
Amanda shared that the RFP Technical Assistance Workshop registration form has been posted to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) website at www.michigan.gov/21stcclc.
- *Notice of Intent to Apply*
Amanda shared that the Notice of Intent to Apply for the 2013-14 21st CCLC grant is available on the 21st CCLC website. This form helps MDE-21st CCLC staff plan the number of readers needed for the peer review process.
- *Reader Session*
Amanda shared that peer reviewers are needed for the 2013-14 reader session. It was discussed that if you are not applying for the 2013-14 21st CCLC grant it would be a good idea to participate in the process as a reader.
- *Grant Electronic Monitoring Process (GEMS)*
Amanda shared that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) had developed a new on-line system that will help in the monitoring of State and Federal programs. 21st CCLC will be using this system but has decided to complete a pilot group of grantees with this new system before full implementation. The MDE-21st CCLC program staff will be in contact with the grantees that will be part of this pilot. It was shared not to stress about this new system. Training will be provided when full implementation is initiated, but this will not be until the 2013-14 grant cycle begins.

Topic: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- *Presentation from CACFP Staff*
Doug Wilson and Stephanie Schenkel gave an overview of the different food service programs available for after-school programs and their requirements. They shared that they are willing to provide one-on-one technical assistance and consultation with eligible entities. They also shared that there are many resources on their website at www.michigan.gov/cacfp. Doug and Stephanie may be reached at (517) 373-7391.

- *Question and Answer*

- ***What are some barriers that have been faced when accessing the CACFP?***

It was shared that one barrier is at the local level because the reimbursement rate doesn't cover the cost of the local food service contracts. It was shared that 21st CCLC funds may support the cost of the food service staff and the administrative pieces of this program. 21st CCLC funds are not allowed to be spent on the food.

Another barrier that was shared was a lack of education regarding the program for the direct food service staff.

It was also shared that districts don't have the infrastructure to complete the program paperwork/process. This sparked a conversation regarding districts that hire catering services that have the infrastructure to complete both the paperwork and the delivery of food.

Detroit Youth Foundation (DYF) shared that they had a bad experience working with Detroit Department of Health and Wellness. The DYF staff completed training on the CACFP program. When it was time to implement the program and receive the food it never came because of funding issues with Detroit Department of Health and Wellness due to the program being reimbursement based. DYF shared that they now have a different vendor that provides CACFP and does a wonderful job. The lesson learned was to be cautious when partnering with vendors to provide this program.

- ***What are the benefits to using CACFP?***

It was shared that there are many benefits to CACFP. Participants shared that the program has:

- Increased attendance
- Increased the attention span of students

- Created parent appreciation
- Provided great nutritional and health resources that have been used to supplement the current health curriculums used by 21st CCLC program providers

Topics for the Next Call: TBD

Next Call

The next call is scheduled for December 11, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.