



Partnerships for Innovation is a collaboration of secondary and postsecondary partners focused on building a better statewide system of Career and Technical Education for Nebraska to improve student learning and better meet economic development priorities. PFI will do this by introducing innovation in delivery systems in CTE to include Career Academies, professional development and programs of study with coordinated curriculum between secondary and postsecondary.

Leadership Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2017 11:00– 12:00 AM Central Time
Zoom Web Conferencing Software

Present: Dennis Headrick, Connie Eichhorn, Missy Jabens, Retha Dunn, Lori Biesecker, Deborah Brennan, Julie Otero, Allyson Olson, Kim Dale

Absent: John Blaylock, Kelly Clapp, Jody Tomanek

I. Welcome

II. Approval of December February 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Lori motions to approve minutes, Connie seconds the motion. Motion passed.

III. Directors Report

- **2016/17 Budget/Program of Work Update:** The monthly budget was sent out. Reviewed expenditures and Perkins contributions with the PFI Leadership Committee. There are a few schools that still need to pay their Perkins Contributions to PFI (4), Retha will send out a second reminder to these schools.

EMSI: Lori has some high school/ESU folks in her region want to try EMSI. I connected them with our account manager so they can set up online training to get to know how to correctly use the system. If you have high schools that want to check out EMSI, let retha know and she will get you connected with our account manager. Lori will also bring it up at the next advisory meeting to let everyone in their region know.

STS Fall In-Service Workshops & Strategic Partnership Meetings: Tony Glen and Greg Stahr are doing 6 statewide STS teach in-service workshops in the fall. They had asked for some support from PFI in helping put on the meetings, in which PFI (Retha) will be allotted a time slot to speak at each meeting about PFI, \$1,700 will be given for those meetings.

Economic Development and NDOL asked for some assistance in putting on statewide strategic partnership meetings, in which PFI is involved. They asked for \$3,800 and PFI is able to give them \$1,000. These meeting support K-12 and Community Colleges.

Questions/Concerns: No

IV. PD Application Recommendations and Approval: The following were approved as recommended:

Additional Notes from Meeting:

- Will Discuss the EMSI Aggregate Economic Impact Study in June as this proposal does not fall into line with Professional Development, but may be something we can approve as a committee project to fund, if we have the money to do it. Retha does not think we can afford both the EMSI Subscription and Aggregate Study, but we will have to review the funds in June. It may be something we can do at a later time and split funding. Retha will find out if the cost of the study (\$78,000) is dependent on having the EMSI Subscription.

Postsecondary Proposals				
Title		Amount Requested	Modified/Suggested Budget	Approved/Denied
Prove It! Statewide Capacity Building for Competency Based Career and Technical Education	<p>Comments* Already approved and voted to approve and fund this project.</p> <p>Recommendation Modify the budget to reflect not covering the benefits portion of the project managers hourly pay and to not cover the institutional membership.</p>	\$69,248	\$60,080	Approved in Feb. 2017
Nebraska's Six Community Colleges and Aggregate Economic Impact Study (Retha)	<p>Comments* The proposal is to fund an economic impact study via EMSI. This is in addition to the \$52,500 PFI pays for the yearly membership</p> <p>Recommendation The PD Committee recommends to not fund this project as an External PD Funding project as it is not professional development, but to possibly look at funding this as a PFI sponsored activity in June when we discuss the yearly budget.</p>	\$78,000		Denied, may approve to fund with PFI budget, not using PD funds.
Secondary Proposals				
Title		Amount Requested	Modified/Suggested Budget	Approved/Denied
Personal Finance Institute (Retha)	<p>Comments* Working in partnership with the Nebraska Council on Economic Education, a 3-credit graduate-level course on Personal Finance will be offered at UNL for a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 middle level, high school, and/or 2-year postsecondary instructors. Although the intended audience is business, marketing and family and consumer science teachers, any teacher who teaches financial education may participate. Graduate college credit will be available through UNL, UNO and Wayne State College. Working off of successful Personal Finance Institutes held in 2010, 2012, and 2015, we will provide 3 days of instruction in preparation for participants to take the Working in Support of Education (W!se) national certification exam.</p> <p>Recommendation: Fully Fund. This was very successful project in the past and this program has been requested multiple times.</p>	\$27,800	\$27,800	Approve

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Aligning Nebraska's secondary and postsecondary CTE programs (Lori)	<p>Comments* PD Committee would like Ryan Foor (proposal writer) and Eric Knoll at UNL/NDE to meet to assure there is not a duplication of efforts. Retha met with both parties. She got a chance to meet with Ryan Foor and Eric Knoll about Ryan Foor's project proposal, Aligning Secondary and Post-Secondary CTE. The main concern was that the project had some duplication involved with what Eric Knoll is doing over at UNL. Each are aware of what they are both doing as Eric Knoll is also 50% of the time employed with NDE</p> <p>The similarity of the project deals with the needs assessment. Eric Knoll did a needs assessment for his programming that was solely based on STS. Ryan's needs assessment assesses needs in ALL the career ed fields that directly correlate to the community colleges. If throughout each of their projects they find similarities, then they are more than willing to work together and to share ideas.</p> <p>Retha also talked with Ryan about how large and involved the project is. He understands that and has the human resources in place to make sure that the project succeeds in the way his proposal projects it will.</p> <p>Recommendation Fully fund the project.</p>	\$196,850	\$196,850	Approve
Business and Marketing Leadership Forum (Lori)	<p>Comments* This proposal is for funding for Nebraska to send a team of 6 to a 4-day leadership forum for statewide teams of leaders in business and marketing that will be offered in Columbus, Ohio in January, 2018. The Nebraska team would consist of six individuals: NDE Business, Marketing and Management Career Field Specialist, NDE Communication and Information Systems Career Field Specialist, one postsecondary business/marketing educator, and three secondary business/marketing teachers or CTE administrators responsible for core business administration subjects.</p> <p>Recommendation National Conference Scholarships are available for Perkins partner faculty/teachers to apply for, NDE can fund for their own employees to attend the conference.</p>	\$6,000		Denied

<p>Health Science TRANSFUSION Bus Tour (Retha)</p>	<p>Comments* This project seeks to connect up to 24 secondary health science educators, 12 postsecondary educators two from each of the six Community College areas, and four ESU Program Development Coordinators, to align efforts around building stronger secondary health science programs in Nebraska with a focus on Class C1, C2, D1 and D2 rural schools. Project participants will have hand on opportunities for technical skill development in a variety of health science areas guided by the National Consortium for Health Science Education national standards. These experiences will be taught on host health care sites by our project professional partners. Our partners are: Nebraska Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University, Nebraska Methodist College, CHI Health, Behavioral Health Education Centers of Nebraska (BHECN) And Nebraska HOSA Board of Directors.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PFI PD Committee asked the project manager if CC colleges could be included (presentation sites & program information) and the response was, "This is an experience that cannot be held at any of the community colleges, due to its level of professional exposure. It's a High-level experience for teachers. CC department heads and teachers are also included in this experience. It's my intent that teachers and CC's will interact and build relationships through this experience or at least enhance what CC's offer to students". 2. The PFI PD Committee also informed the applicant that they were not comfortable covering \$12,000 for the Health Science Standards Enhancement Materials and Classroom Laboratory Equipment for teachers/instructors. <p>The recommendation is to not fund this project because community colleges are a partner in PFI and PFI funds come from both secondary and community colleges. The unwillingness to include a few community colleges does not support PFI's funding structure and partnership goals.</p>	<p>\$32,075</p>		<p>Denied</p>
<p>Continuation of Stakeholder Engagement Project (Lori)</p>	<p>Comments* The proposal was requesting to use \$10,000 of the approx. \$22,000 left over from the initial project. Recommendation Extend the project timeline 6 mo. And allow the leftover funds to be used. Deadline to use funds is Dec. 2018, it would be extended to June 2018 as work will continue in Feb 2018.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>Approve, but this would be an extension and use of funds already allocated</p>
<p>Totals</p>		<p>\$419,973</p>	<p>\$285,458</p>	

- V. **Articles of Operation:** Motion to approve and a second. Approved as is after final corrections.
- VI. **Future Perkins Funding (Dennis):**
Rich Katt shared with Dennis that some conversation at the federal level included some reduction in funds. But he wasn't sure if it would impact PFI in 17/18 or 18/19. Dennis wanted to make everyone aware.
- VII. **New Member Nominations & Voting:**
Retha will be sending out an electronic voting form and information about each nominee's bios. There are 6 new nominees; high school and ESUs.
- VIII. **Going Forward: PFI Leadership Council:**
- **Goals, Communication, and Expectations:** We will be discussing the new expectations of each region, goals, and communication.
 - **New Member Information/Orientation:** Retha will be having a new member orientation with our new members in May before our June meeting so they understand PFI and everything that we go over in each meeting.
- IX. **June Meeting:** 4:00 – 8:00 on Tuesday, June 6, in Kearny at CCC.
- X. **Other Business:** none.

[Future Meeting Dates](#)

June 6, 2017 – CCC Kearney, NE. – Face to Face