



Director's Activity Report: February – March 2012

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- Facilitated the High School and Middle School Counselor Standards Identification Workshop (2 days)
- Attended Westside School District Career Education Planning Meeting, serving on Career Advisory Council
- Executed the contract and managed the Department of Labor H3 (High Skill, High Wage and High Demand) website development
- Presented at Omaha Public Schools Professional In-service to share Career Academy best practice
- Met with PFI Professional Development subcommittee to review funding applications
- Reconnected with Westside Staff to identify meaningful (H3) CTE Programs of Study for District Planning
- Presented to Metropolitan Community College In-service on
 - Problem-Based, Case Based Learning and
 - Employability Skills
- Attended Nebraska Department of Education CTE Staff meeting (updates and collaboration)
- Met Shelli Koester, new Career Academy and Dual Credit Director at Northeast CC, to provide some suggestions, resources and support for program development
- Met with Coordinating Commission for planning the panel presentation for ACT Conference to be held in April
- Worked with NDE CTE Office on identifying measurements for Career Academies related to LB 870
- Planning meeting with John Thompson, ESU 3 for April Perkin's meeting/presentation
- Introduced Gerry Phaneuf from Career Pathways with Anne to facilitate a collaborative relationship
- Conducted Anne Klute's annual performance evaluation
- Judged first annual SkillsUSA Junior High presentation competition
- Attended Westside Career Advisory Council Meeting (March meeting)
- Attended Tri-County Workforce Development Youth Council
- Conversation with Matt Blomstedt, Rich Katt and Cory Epler around **reVISION** - which will assist with the transformation of current CTE programs to aligned State Model Programs of Study, local economic indicators, community colleges and business/industry in partnership with the ESU CC

Personal Professional Development:

- Attended the Entrepreneurship Summit, LaVista
- NCCR Webinar on using Labor Market Information in defining CTE Programs of Study
- Webinar on National Common Core Standards and relation to Career and Technical Education
- Webinar: OAVE - *Improving Alignment between Secondary and Postsecondary Career and Technical Education*