



Director's Activity Report

October 2012 – December 2012

Submitted by: Erika Volker at PFI LC Meeting - January 14, 2013

October

- Met with Rene at D2 (Directions and Diplomas) Center, to talk about Nebraska Career Clusters, Nebraska Career Connections and current strategies for career planning
- Collaborated with Cory Epler to finalize second meeting of reVISION workshops
- Attended Omaha Public Schools Advisory Council meeting at Benson HS
- Facilitated discussions between Papillion LaVista Schools and Millard Public Schools related to Transportation, Distribution, Warehousing and Logistics Career Academy opportunities
- Attending ESU 7 reVISION workshop in Columbus
- Attended PFI Professional Development meeting in Columbus, modified application and recorded thoughts for PFI Leadership Council meeting
- Provided overview of NE Learn materials to Southeast Community College Deans and Directors at the Milford Campus
- Facilitated the first and second reVISION workshop for Westside Public Schools
- Attended Broken Bow reVISION workshop in Broken Bow
- Attended the National State Directors of Career and Technical Education Conference in Omaha
- Met with new regional Project Lead the Way Director for Nebraska and Iowa (Kim Glenn)
- Presented to Carol Erwin's FCS pre-service teacher course at Wayne State
- Met with Nebraska Dept. of Labor Office of Labor Market Information to identify updates for H3 Website
- Participated in conversations with Papillion LaVista Schools around a possible "Project Management" Career Academy or Focus program of study
- Attended WIA Greater Omaha Youth Council Meeting (October)

November

- Attended Project Lead the Way Fall Workshop
- Attended Millard Public Schools Distribution, Logistics Management Career Academy Advisory Committee meeting
- Staffed the Partnerships for Innovation affiliated fund booth at the Nebraska Community Foundation annual banquet
- Attended NCE Staff Meeting in Lincoln
- Facilitated Partnerships for Innovation Leadership Council Secondary Retreat and full LC meeting in Norfolk
- Coordinated sites, curriculum, materials and registration for NE Learn workshops in the state
- Attended WIA Greater Omaha Youth Council Employment Meeting

- Co-Facilitated NELearn Workshop in Scottsbluff and North Platte with Donna Hoffman
- Collaborated on Dual Credit Standards

December

- Co-Facilitated NELearn Workshop in Grand Island, Norfolk, Lincoln and Omaha with Donna Hoffman
- Facilitated Visioning Workshop for ESU 1, 8 and 17 related to planning and Advisory Council membership
- Co-Presented at Principals Conference with Matt Blomstedt in Kearney
- Attended PLTW Planning meeting at UNOmaha
- Presented Career Readiness Standards and Modules materials to the Human Resources Association of the Midland (HR Group)
- Conference call with Alaska constituents wanting to replicate Partnerships for Innovation model
- Hosted the NCE Staff retreat
- Attended WIA Greater Omaha Youth Council Meeting
- Interviewed by Kelly Christensen related to Career Academy dissertation
- Met with Tim Mittan re: Entrepreneurship extension to July 2013 – December 2014
- Met with Rich Katt and Mat
- Fielded questions related to PFI Funding Application
- Generated reports for the DOL SyNErgy funds to support Nebraska Career Connections and final report for NE Learn grant from Nebraska Dept. of Labor

Professional Development Opportunities

- Webinar: Digital Strategies for Increasing Access and Opportunity in Rural Schools
- National State Directors Conference – Gallup Strengths and National Update
- Nebraska Community Foundation Annual Conference with breakout sessions
- Webinar: Improving Teacher Preparation Programs for Learning in the Future