



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
July 16, 2020 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Central Community College - Kearney, NE

Present: Charlie Gregory, Jody Tomanek, Candace Walton, Joe Peitzmeier, Missy Jabens, Delayne Havlovic, Otis Pierce, Lori Biesecker, Sam Pavelka, and Retha Dunn

Absent: Justin Shaddick, Julie Otero, Tami Wegener, Tom McDonnell, Michele Gill

- I. Welcome**
- II. Approval of February 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes.** Lori Biesecker motions to approve minutes, Jody Tomanek seconds the motion. Motion passed.
- III. Directors Annual Report**
 - PFI Return on Investment (see last page)
 - Activity Report – Monthly breakdown of Retha’s 2019-2020 activities
 - Annual Review and Goals – Reviewed Retha’s 2019/2020 performance and goal
- IV. Finance Committee Report on 2019-2020 Budget and Expenditures:** Missy Jabens
 - Reviewed the 2019-2020 Monthly Budget report that shows a monthly rolling budget on expenditures and Perkins contributions. A copy was handed out to each member.
 - Reviewed the 2019-2020 Budget and Program of Work, each member received a copy. Went over each category of expenses: operating expenses, professional development, program of study/coordinated curriculum, and CTE Delivery systems. Retha projects that PFI will start the new year (July 2020) with about \$550,000.
 - Reviewed the Professional Development projects that have been postponed due to Covid-19
- V. 2019-2020 Professional Development Grant Projects Received**
 - PFI PD committee received 2 Professional Development Grant projects for 2019-2020 funding cycle; CASE Institute and Finance Institute. The CASE Institute project from the previous funding cycle had to be postponed until the Summer of 2021 due to Covid-19, so they would not be pursuing the current proposal submitted. PFI has funded the Finance Institute 4 other times and informed the grantee that it would not be able to support the same project again.
- VI. PFI Structure and Operating Moving Forward. Discussion & Vote**
 - The PFI Leadership Council discussed and voted to continue on with our vision and mission of advancing Career and Technical Education in Nebraska using the funds we currently have. PFI was not monetarily supported with the new Perkins 5 Nebraska State Plan. PF will move forward

continuing on with their own projects and statewide work without any partners. PFI will be looking for new partners in the future.

- PFI will not fill the 3-open position on the PFI leadership council. Each region has a community college and/or ESU/High School representation.

VII. 2020-2021 Program of Work

- PFI has decided to only offer \$65,000 in scholarships for teacher training or national conference attendance. No other scholarships will be offered in 2020-2021.
- PFI will not offer the Professional Development Grant in 2020-2021.
- PFI will use their funds to work together as a Leadership Committee to develop, plan, and execute statewide and regional CTE project(s) for the upcoming year.

VIII. Executive Committee Meeting

- The PFI Leadership Committee met to discuss Executive Directors salary and performance. Retha has done a great job on outreach, projects, and being visible in the CTE community. The PFI Committee commended Retha on her persistence with keeping PFI operating and relevant in time of uncertainty. The PFI Leadership Committee voted to give Retha a 3.5% raise and her insurance benefits will remain the same.

IX. PFI Regional Project Updates:

- 3 regions completed their projects: Southwest, Northeast, and Central. The other regions were not able to continue with their projects due to Covid-19

X. PFI Committees

- Professional Development Committee: Lori Biesecker & Tom McDonnell. Added Samantha Pavelka
- Finance Committee: Missy Jabens & Julie Otero. Added Joe Pietzmeier.

XI. Items Continued to October Meeting:

- Location of December Meeting
- PFI CTE Project

XII. Introduce new Chairperson and Nominate/Vote for new Co-Chairperson

- New Chairperson is Tom McDonnell, Central Community College
- New Co-Chairperson is Lori Biesecker, ESU 13

XIII. Adjourn.

XIV. Future Meeting Dates & Times

- October 2, 2020 10:00 – 11:00 Zoom
- December 2020 Face to Face - TBD
- February 5, 2021 10:00 – 11:00 Zoom
- April 9, 2021 10:00 – 11:00 Zoom
- June 2021 Face to Face - TBD

Program of Work and Budget Allocation 2019-2020



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Partnerships for Innovation Revenue

2019-20 Annual Statewide Contribution at 8%	\$455,140
Carry over 2018 - 2019	\$375,564
TOTAL	\$830,704

Professional Development Activities = \$403,640 49%

	End Date	Amount	YTD Spent	Remaining
ELE Engaged Learning – High School	Completed	\$79,000	\$10,000	\$69,000
Health Sciences Virtual Reality	Completed	\$91,000	\$0	\$91,000
CTE Alignment (\$21,953 carried over, original amt. \$122,000)	Completed	\$21,953	\$21,561	\$392
18/19 Teacher Training or National Conf. Scholarship	Completed	\$48,837	\$20,311	\$28,526
2019 NCE Scholarships	Completed	\$30,500	\$14,062	\$16,438
STS Statewide Meetings	Completed	\$1,800	\$1,036	\$764
Health Sciences Fall Workshop	Completed	\$1,300	\$670	\$630
19/20 Teacher Training or National Conf. Scholarship	Compl. /Post.	\$65,000	\$18,263	\$36,737
CASE: Natural Resources & Ecology	Postponed	\$34,250	\$0	\$34,250
2020 NCE Scholarships	Cancelled	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000

PFI Special Projects, Grants, & Reserves= \$269,944 31%

	End Date	Amount	YTD Spent	Remaining
PFI Special Projects & Grants	Postponed	\$249,944	\$0	\$249,944
Reserve		20,000	\$0	20,000

Programs of Study and Coordinated Curriculum= \$30,000 4%

PFI Regional Projects	
Southeast Regional Project – Gallup Strengths	\$4,999
Northeast Regional Project – Career Fair	\$3,242
Central Regional Project – Connect the Dots	\$2,000

CTE Delivery Systems = \$1,000 1%	
2018 NCE PFI Presentations	\$1,000

Personnel and Grants Management = \$101,120 12%

Director salary and benefits, telephone and data stipend, office supplies, travel, professional development, one out of state conference, and board member meeting expenses

Nebraska Community Foundation Fees = \$25,000 3%

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