



Mid-Continent Comprehensive Center (MC3)

"Closing the Achievement Gap: Equity and Excellence for ALL Students" Summit Agenda July 5 – 6, 2007

Purposes of the Summit:

- ❖ Explore best practices and evidence-based strategies for addressing achievement gaps
- ❖ Equip participants with resources and information to examine and address achievement gap issues regionally and within their states
- ❖ Provide a springboard for discussion and action regarding equity and excellence in education for all students

Opening of Summit - Thursday, July 5, 2007

2:00 – 4:30 PM	Registration - Peabody Hotel	
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Transportation to Reception at Clinton Library provided by MC3	
5:30 – 6:30 PM	<p>Summit Opening Session - Setting the Stage: Who is here? and Why are we here?</p> <p>Recognition of Planning Committee</p> <p>Welcome from the United States Department of Education</p> <p>Welcome Arkansas, host state agency for the summit, and Introduction of Speaker</p> <p>Historical Perspective of Clinton Library</p>	<p>Dr. Belinda Biscoe MC3 Director and Assistant Vice President, College of Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma</p> <p>Dr. Donna Richardson MC3 Associate Director</p> <p>Dr. Sharon Horn Director of Evaluation, Office of Innovation and Improvement</p> <p>Dr. Ken James Commissioner of Education, Arkansas Department of Education</p> <p>Mr. James L. "Skip" Rutherford Dean, Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas</p>
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Reception and Tour of Clinton Library	

Day One of Summit - Friday, July 6, 2007

Strand One: Leadership - Policy to Practice

7:00 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast	
8:00 – 8:20 AM	Setting the Context and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MC3 Advisory Board • MC3 State Coordinating Councils • MC3 Partners • Special Guests 	Dr. Belinda Biscoe MC3 Director and Assistant Vice President, College of Continuing Education, University of Oklahoma
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Welcome from the United States Department of Education	Dr. Sharon Horn Director of Evaluation, Office of Innovation and Improvement
8:30 – 9:15 AM	Introduction of Speakers Keynote Speaker focusing on the research and policy issues related to the role of leadership in closing the achievement gap in districts and schools	Dr. Belinda Biscoe Dr. Tim Waters CEO, Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL)
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Leadership Example: Addressing the issue of developing leadership with an overview of <i>School Turnarounds: A Review of the Cross-Sector Evidence on Dramatic Organizational Improvement</i>	Dr. Sam Redding Director, Center on Innovation and Improvement
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 – 10:45 AM	1st Content Session/SEA Regional Panel Addressing the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is your state department addressing the issue of district and school leadership as it relates to closing the achievement gap? 2. What challenges are you facing? 3. What is your vision for the ideal system of support to address district and school leadership issues in your state? 	Panel Moderator Dr. Diana Julian Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education Panel Members: Arkansas: Ms. Janinne Riggs Special Assistant to Commissioner of Education, Arkansas Department of Education Missouri: Dr. Howard Jones Research Associate, Coordinator-Project Success, Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis from Missouri

		<p>Kansas: Ms. Kathy Boyer Coordinator of Leadership, Division of School Innovation, Kansas State Department of Education</p> <p>Oklahoma: Mr. Andy Young Deputy State Superintendent, Oklahoma State Department of Education</p>
10:45 – 11:20 PM	<p>Break-outs by States Facilitated planning time with guided questions for next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How might your SEA apply information gleaned from the morning to the issue of developing district and school leadership to help close achievement gaps between and among students? 2. What next steps will you propose after leaving today's summit? 	<p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Arkansas: Dr. Larry Russell Ms. Sharon Brooks MC3 AR Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Kansas: Mr. Gary Manford Mr. Jacob Tsofigh MC3 KS Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Missouri: Ms. Ellen Balkenbush Ms. Patricia Fleming MC3 MO Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Oklahoma: Ms. Courtney Ellis Ms. Sarah Hall MC3 OK Technical Assistance Team</p>
11:25 – 12:00 PM	<p>State Team Report Out Questions and Answers</p> <p>Guidelines for Networking Activity during lunch</p>	<p>Dr. Belinda Biscoe</p> <p>Dr. Larry Russell MC3 AR Technical Assistance Liaison</p>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<p>Lunch provided by MC3 – Networking across states, organizations, and agencies</p>	<p>Facilitators: CTAG Planning Committee Members</p>
Strand Two: Rigor of the Curriculum - Policy to Practice		
1:00 – 1:10 PM	<p>Introduction of Keynote Speaker</p>	<p>Dr. Donna Richardson</p>
1:10 – 2:00 PM	<p>Keynote Speaker focusing on the research on the correlation of rigor of the curriculum with closing the achievement gap</p>	<p>Dr. Stephanie G. Robinson Principal Partner Emeritus with Education Trust – Lead researcher on <i>Gaining Traction, Gaining Ground: How Some High Schools Accelerate Learning for Struggling Students</i></p>
2:00 – 2:15 PM	<p>Example of an LEA addressing the issue of developing a rigorous curriculum to close the achievement gap</p>	<p>Ms. Jeannette Nobo Director, Professional Learning Communities, Kansas State Department of Education</p>

<p>2:15 – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>2nd Content Session/SEA Regional Panel: Addressing the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is your state department addressing the issue related to curriculum rigor as it relates to closing the achievement gap in districts and schools? 2. What challenges are you facing? 3. What is your vision for the ideal system of support to address curriculum rigor in your state? 	<p><u>Panel Moderator:</u> Dr. Bill Elder Director, Office of Social & Economic Data Analysis, University of Missouri-Columbia</p> <p><u>Panel Members</u> Arkansas: Ms. Deborah Coffman Associate Director, Professional Development, Arkansas Department of Education</p> <p>Kansas: Mr. Scott Smith Director, School Improvement and Accreditation, Kansas State Department of Education</p> <p>Missouri: Ms. Ginny Vandelight Director, School Improvement Support, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education</p> <p>Oklahoma: Mr. Andy Young Deputy State Superintendent, Oklahoma State Department of Education</p>
<p>3:00 – 3:15 PM</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>3:15 – 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Breakout of State Teams Facilitated team planning time with guided questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How might your SEA apply the information gleaned from the afternoon to rigor of curriculum issues? 2. What next steps will you propose after leaving today's summit? 	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Arkansas: Dr. Larry Russell Ms. Sharon Brooks MC3 AR Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Kansas: Mr. Gary Manford Mr. Jacob Tsofigh MC3 KS Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Missouri: Ms. Ellen Balkenbush Ms. Patricia Fleming MC3 MO Technical Assistance Team</p> <p>Oklahoma: Ms. Courtney Ellis Ms. Sarah Hall MC3 OK Technical Assistance Team</p>
<p>4:00 – 4:45 PM</p>	<p>State Team Report Out Questions and Answers</p>	<p>Dr. Belinda Biscoe</p>
<p>4:45 – 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Evaluation & Next Steps</p>	<p>Dr. Belinda Biscoe</p>

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