

Distance Learning Coordinating Council

April 27, 2006

Maumelle, AR

Call to order – 9:25

Attendees: Karen Ghidotti, Drew Mashburn, Chris Robbins, Gail McClure, Nancy Sparks, Belinda Kittrell, Carolyn, Kathleen Stafford

Drew requested that minutes and agenda be posted on ADE website.

Report from Jim Boardman:

The original demonstration grant program of \$3M from the first legislative session has changed many times. There is not really a cap on the money from the public school funding of 1/6 base of local revenue. The \$3M appropriated to fund this piece of legislation has been \$3M for several years. There is not a line item for the \$3M so this is part of the public school funding. A legislative change took place in 2005 to approve all distance learning courses. (ADE-210)

\$10M was appropriated for distance learning equipment as a line item. They are one time funds coming from fiscal relief fund. There are established Rules and Regulations (ADE 186) for the distribution of the funds concerning: equipment, dl coordinators at the coops, training, operation and line charges. There were 244 sites established with \$6M.

Needs: Line charges for DL systems need to be paid at the state level. \$3M would need to be appropriated for all schools if the E-rate funding comes through. Without E-rate there needs to be \$6M. There is a \$500 a month scheduling fee plus line fees making total charges for line charges per school district \$1500.

Recommendations from Jim Boardman regarding line charges: school districts should for scheduling and ADE pay for the line charges. If they don't use CIV they would not have scheduling charges but would have access to the lines for web based courses.

DL coordinators at the co-ops would require \$1.6M for personnel and operations. \$5M operations fund from ADE funds the following: United Streaming, Library Encyclopedia and online resources

Recommendations from Jim Boardman-to utilize online resources for improving regular classroom teaching

**Real line item that could be dependable—doubling every year.
ASCY is a learning is the movement-no scheduling problem**

**There needs to be more coordination at the state level for the state wide use of distance learning.
\$3M for pilot programs
13 districts without CIV equipment, because they have not requested the equipment.
The ADE has not turned down any request for CIV equipment.**

Recommendation on the use of equipment: Do a study to determine the usage of equipment within the schools that have the equipment.

Dee Cox Recommendations: Tuition only comes into play after a set number of students are enrolled. There should be a hard line item on funding for distance learning programs.

APSCN—presentation by Carmen Jordan

3 years ago-distance learning field was put into the master schedule section:

- CV (compressed video)**
- WB (web based)**
- AV (audio graphics)**
- SV (Sat video)**
- TV (television)**
- OT (other)**
- NA (not applicable)**

Students are reported by campus

Instructor (rule district has to have the teacher name who is teaching the course) with SSN-if the teacher is out of state use 9999999). They must the name of the person teaching the course to be entered into the teacher catalog.

There is training every March. The data dictionary (SIS book) is online. Training is provided by APSCN but the district provides access to individuals to the system. There is a co-op person available for questions and training. More staff for training is needed. All training documents are online.

Metis is working on data quality study to develop a plan. Currently there is not a repercussion for wrong data entry.

There is not a field for the DL provider. Currently the provider is determined by the teacher name.

The qualifications of the person entering data are determined by the district. There is not a standard salary level for the data entry person or standard job description.

The data dictionary has vague definitions.

There is not an online point in time training for those that do data entry.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved on May 15, 2006. Motion made to approve by Kathleen Branton and second by Chris Robbins. Motion approved.