



Higher ED Partners Meeting 4 Notes – 2/06/2023 – 10am

- Eric Arpelar gave a brief overview of the meeting and each Team in attendance:
 - **Amanda Vescovo - Dona Ana CC – Assc. Director, Academic Advising**
 - **Daniel Kerr - Dona Ana CC - IT student Advisor**
 - **Jon Juarez - Dona Ana CC – Comp and IT Department Chair**
 - **Annie Willmon - San Juan College – Interim IT Dean**
 - **Alyssa Wagner – San Juan College – Interim Dual-Credit Coordinator**
 - **Adriana Ortiz - San Juan College – Dual Credit Program Assistant**
 - **Dr. Delores Becenti – Navajo Technical University - Enrollment Director**
 - **Leslie Tsosie – Navajo Technical University – Dual-Credit Coordinator**
 - **Stephen Miller – ENMU Ruidoso - Dir. Cybersecurity Center of Excellence**
 - **Dr. Jeanie Baca – UNM Taos - Associate Dean**
 - **Dr. Randi Archuleta – UNM Taos – Dean of Instruction**
 - **Kelsey Mead – UNM Toas – Dual-Credit Coordinator**
 - **Dr. Pam Cornelison – Clovis Community College - Director of Educational Partnerships/Dual Credit**
 - **Daniela Gurule – Santa Fe CC – Dual-Credit Recruitment Coordinator**
 - **Dr. Rebecca Moore – New Mexico Highlands University – Dual-Credit Director**
 - **Lisa Whitmore – NMSU Grants – Director of Academic Advisement**
 - **Michael Webb – NMSU Grants – Information Technology Faculty**
- Items addressed:
 - Dr. Becenti & Leslie Tsosie, NTU, spoke about their on going dual-credit programs that geared toward CIS and Cybersecurity. She continued by stating communication is a definite for both students and adjunct at the high schools. They had asked of a resource booklet/pamphlet and I will definitely meet face to face because the high schools wanted to have a closer partnership and like Dr. Becenti mentioned IT Blackboard and pathways.
 - Stephen Miller, ENMU Ruidoso, spoke about training high school teachers in Cybersecurity and Information Technology. In addition, their Dual-Credit high school teachers as teaching assistants in their courses.

credit students and the teacher will be from their campus. She stated that they went this direction with the welding program as well. In addition, they are working on another grant as well to assist in more CIS programs.

- Kelsey Mead, UNM Toas, introduced herself and stated they were just wrapping up enrollment for the Spring 2023 semester. She spoke about conversations with Toas Academy on creating more pathways. In addition, UNM Toas is in the process of rebuilding their IT program.
 - Dr. Archuleta stated that they were waiting to hear from the ECHS coordinator to continue conversations with Toas Academy. They also spoke about other partnerships with other high schools as well.
- Ms. Whitmore, NMSU Grants, she spoke about their relationship with their ECHS partnership and the MOUs with high schools in their regions. In addition, the high schools that they serve are rural and the internet can be sparse at times. So, they are working on some ways to provide more technology to those the areas.
 - Michael Webb, spoke about the Chromebooks issues for the students at the school district can block some of the programs that the students need to take the dual-credit courses. But they are working with the technology departments and finding ways to provide machines for the dual-credit students work through these connection issues.
 - Star Link was offered as a solution. For more information:
 - <https://www.starlink.com/>
- Amanda Vescovo, Dona Ana CC, spoke about their relationships and communications with their three ECHS. She stated that they are working on blending advising, so that the high school students are hearing one message for dual-credit. They are seeking to have on-campus dual-credit courses at the ECHSs since some students do not do as well with online courses.
 - Jon Juarez spoke about their CISCO training academy. They are trying to creating a cybersecurity pathway into a high school student 4 year pathway. They are also incorporating the COC for Cybersecurity and they are working on a new certificate pathway for Cybersecurity that could segway into a collegiate degree pathway. He stated that the CIS teachers in the Cruces school district are very busy and they may not be a solution for on campus dual-credit classes.
- Dr. Rebecca Moore, New Mexico Highlands University, she talked about restructuring the dual-credit program at NMHU. She also stated that they are in talks with West Las Vegas and Roberson High School about developing an ECHS for Las Vegas Schools. She also spoke about their hires of adjuncts that exclusively go to the high school campuses to teach dual-credit students.

- Mr. Arpelar mentioned the Dual-Credit Task Force bill that passed the House but still needs to go through the Senate. In addition, there are more dual-credit bills that will be on the floor for this legislative session.
 - For more information on House Bill HB0256:
 - <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/23/Regular/bills/house/HB0256.pdf>
- The dual-credit task force was mentioned and the people in this meeting have been recommended for that group. More information on this to come.
- For a follow-up on the next meeting, what kind of relationship and communication patterns would be beneficial between the HEDs and the ECHSs. Do you communicate daily? Bi-weekly? Weekly? Bi-Monthly?
- Spoke about having a face-to-face meeting in Albuquerque. To set the date for this meeting we have created a Doodle Poll:
 - <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/eEqyw0ke/vote>
 - This will be a meeting that will geared toward finishing the communication model, sharing ideas about dual credit, and relationships with ECHSs. It was recommended that the Dual-Credit Coordinators attend this meeting. There will be a ZOOM option provided as well.
- In conclusion, there was mention of attending the NMHEAR conference on February 16th and 17th in Albuquerque. This will be a great opportunity to have face to face interactions as well.
 - For more information on NMHEAR:
 - <https://nmhear.nmsu.edu/>
- Adjourned at 10:45am

**Next Meeting – Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 10am*