

PAT MEETING 8/10/2022

Attendees: Veronica Sanders, Jaime Cherry, Adrienne Forgette, Ricky Williams, David Bowman

Bowman asked about the Eval Plan.

Williams stated they had a meeting with the Feds and submitted a draft plan which was approved.

Sanders updated on schools and pathways and student participation – There are 4 school who have turned in MOU's: ArrowHead, Clovis, Academy of Dreams and Penasco. Clovis had some questions but they were resolved. Penasco submitted their pathway information, but it was mostly focused on business type classes. She said she would discuss with school as far as including the IT focus. MOU should be coming from Gadsden soon. Is there a deadline for school recruitment? She said from what she could gather, there is no deadline so she will continue to recruit. There are still 3 schools who are on board, but are waiting. Grants has not responded yet. Alamogordo reached out. Sanders said would follow up on that.

She would like to see everything in place, including the Eval plan moving forward with recruitment. She hopes to be able to meet the needs of each individual school and will either meet personally or via Zoom. Needs to find out what the current participation is to establish the needs.

Discussion on best ways to reach out. Marketing options was discussed. Bowman asked what is the best way to reach that age group. Forgette brought up certain sites students use i.e. "Girls who Code", "Cyber Patriot" etc... Cherry suggested to look at other programs to expand the use.

Discussion on status and updates for business partners: She has been meeting with the Board. One discussion in particular was regarding IT service interface with people is really important. Students need the soft skills needed to do this. They need to be involved in career readiness. The need to be reintroduced to the importance of a job.

They will be attending and IT Conference and have been asked to be involved in a 45-minute panel discussion. She said the Board members are eager to do more than just meet. Once enrollment numbers are known, they will be able to know more how to assist, mentor, etc.

Bowman mentioned the RFP being published to create career videos and said the business partners would play a role in this. We will have up to 30 videos made using the expertise of our business partners.

Williams mentioned he was involved in this process. Cherry asked if students could bid on this project. No, because they are not an established business. It was then discussed perhaps within the RFP to have the vendor include students in the creation process. Everyone agreed with this.

Bowman mentioned it has been difficult to bring on a Higher Ed coordinator. FMS has agreed to post the position until filled.

Williams shared and discussed draft eval plan. He said he would share the document with everyone. It was agreed to use the data for year 0 as it would be valuable to build on.

Final discussion – Cherry mentioned it was important to build students up outside their skill set. Students need to be aware that their social media is being looked at. Bowman asked if this should be brought up with the business partners. Cherry said it is important that students know what the hiring process is. Will ask business partners.