

TTC Advisory Council - TTC Director's Report – Nov., 2010

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1. Addressing Training Needs/Gaps & Coordinating Responses

- a. ***Training Inventory Matrix work group*** – met on Sept. 19 - still collecting training matrix data for draft Inventory. Karen Ward shared evaluation recommendation for Training Entities to use “post/pre evaluations” to assist with collaborative data collection for training under workforce development. Oct meeting cancelled due to majority of group unavailable - Group set to meet on Nov. 16.
- b. ***TTC Staff Activities*** – see staff reports and updates on current projects
- c. ***Collaborations***
 - i. *Planning & development activities: with Diane Casto, Manager of the Prevention & Early Intervention Services with DBH and her Team.*
 1. Prevention & Early Prevention is sending 3 staff and 3 grantees to the Frontline Leadership Institute in Fairbanks (Dec. 7, 8 & 9) for training and to consider the FLI format as a training the unit may want to customizing into a “Project Coordinator/Grantee” training in 2011 for first time and/or inexperienced grant coordinators for grantees in rural areas.
 2. Prevention Fellowship – Sherry Wilson will be housed part time at the TTC office starting in Jan., 2011 and will work as liaison between Prevention & Early Intervention unit and the TTC to develop structure for a certification process for Prevention Specialists here in AK.
 - ii. *Meeting with Shirley Pittz, Early Childhood Comprehensive System Coordinator,* with DHSS moved to Dec. 3
 1. Continued discussion and potential development to use the LMS for tracking of completed trainings done by participants in a future certification/training program
 - iii. *AK CACHE Project with UAA/Alaska Center for Rural Health – Alaska's AHEC* to develop a LMS catalogue for Health Professionals for distance education opportunities
 1. The TTC LMS services have been contracted to assist with the development of the AK CACHE: A Clearinghouse for Continuing Health Education modeled after the TTC LMS, the AK CACHE will have a catalogue of offered trainings and continuing education for health professionals followed by a

system for health professionals and organizations to use to track completions.

2. Provided support and attended AK CACHE first “usability testing” session in on Nov. 9 to test mock-up of website. Three health professionals were introduced to the site and their feedback was observed and recorded to assist with building actual website. This is the first of several “usability tests” that will be used over the next six months of website development.

- iv. *Alzheimer’s Resource Agency (ARA)* – Oct. meeting with Director Dulce Noble and Education Director Lisa Wawrzonek to make connections and explore collaborations.
 1. Discussion about TTC networking and future technical assistance opportunities for distance delivered ADRD and Caregiver training. Specifically targeting new ARA training set for Jan., 2011 on Dementia Care Certificate five week training for Direct Service Providers.
- v. *Peer Workforce Subcommittee of Trust Workforce Development Focus Area* - at the Oct. quarterly Workforce Development meeting, a subcommittee was formed to start collaborative work on peer workforce issues – TTC has volunteered to chair the subcommittee and a convening meeting is being set for early Dec., 2010.

2. Core Competencies for AK Direct Care Workers in Health and Human Services

- a. ***“Cross walk” Comparison Checklist review of TTC trainings presented by TTC staff Instructors*** – TTC staff implemented core competencies comparison for five TTC training curricula as exercise to learn the process internally, and start statewide effort to adopt the comparison process and offer technical assistance to providers in how to use the comparison to strengthen workforce training.
 - i. *Outline of Training Modules to provide core competencies training* to providers and other training staff on the AK Core Competencies for Direct Care Workers has been developed as noted in Jan Hinde’s report.