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**North Texas Regional P-16 Council Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2014**

**Education Service Center Region 11  
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Fort Worth, Texas 76106  
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**Present:** Teresa Brock, Stacy Burrell, V. Barbara Bush, Ray de los Santos, Deborah Endres, Cathy Gabro, Mary Harris, Brooke Ingersoll, Linda K. Johnson, Jean Keller, Katie Kroh, Calvin Lawrence, Mike Mattingly, Jann Miles, Cynthia Fisher Miller, Jeffrey Miller, Amy Mougey, Don Perry, Matt Peterson, Patsy Robles-Goodwin, Candy Slocum, Ed Vara, Jacqueline Vega, Mary Villafranca, Jamal Williams, Kathy Wright-Chapman

**A. Greetings and Refreshments**

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

Mary Harris thanked Kathy Wright Chapman and Region 11 ESC for hosting the NTRP-16 Council meeting. All members present introduced themselves.

**C. Approval of the December 3, 2013 NTRP-16 Council Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes made by Linda K. Johnson, and seconded by Don Perry. The Council minutes from December 3, 2013, were unanimously approved and will be posted on the Council's website.

**D. Gap Analysis Report and Accountability Measures**

V. Barbara Bush moderated a session on HB 5 and its impact on regional P-16 institutions and businesses. The session opened with a presentation by *Ed Vara*, Deputy Executive Director, ESC Region 13.

Ed Vara presented the background and development of House Bill 5, which was resurrected from failed House Bill 500, which had passed the house but not the senate in 2011. HB 5 became effective in June 2013. Ed discussed overall themes of HB 5 as referring to local control, implications, collaboration, communication, timing, and flexibility. Changes in Texas public education required by HB 5 include reduction in STAAR testing, change in requirements for graduation, endorsement options, and others. At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, every student in middle and high school must have a personal graduation plan. Ed discussed state assessment, STAAR alternatives, remedial tutoring, and accountability. The PowerPoint from Ed's presentation is posted on the Council's website <http://www.ntp16.notlb.com/sites/default/files/Ed%20Vera%20%28Region%2013%29%20Presentation%20to%20NTRP-16%20Council.pdf>

*Ed's presentation was followed by a panel that included: Cynthia Fisher Miller, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Don Perry, Dallas County Community College District, and Stacy Burrell, Fort Worth ISD.*

Panelists shared their thoughts on the impact of HB 5 from the workforce, postsecondary, and secondary perspectives. Don Perry said that two-year institutions are having difficulties explaining to students and parents why the students are limited in the number of courses they can take, based on what they took in high school. Cynthia Fisher Miller said that the business community has concerns with its workforce in the various sectors. Businesses want to help, but there needs to be more communication. HB 5 creates the potential for public schools to create meaningful partnerships. Legislators want Texas to have an educated and skilled workforce, and this is reflected in HB 5. Sections 8 and 9 of HB 5 are encouraging because of the CTE career options. Stacy Burrell emphasized the added responsibility HB 5 brings to school counselors and the need for more well trained counselors.

#### **E. Region 11 AVATAR Report**

Kathy Wright-Chapman said the Region 11 AVATAR team focused on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and the writing process. The CTE and ELA teachers involved are from Hill College and Tarleton State University as well as Joshua ISD, Burleson ISD, and Godley ISD. The three districts are focusing on how CTE teachers can incorporate writing into their classes that will align with ELA curriculum of higher education partners.

#### **F. Updates and Announcements from Council Members**

Candy Slocum announced North Central Texas Interlink is administering their annual market survey about needed job skills. Candy will send us the link. The survey results are shared with high schools and colleges to help develop their courses.

Mary Harris announced the NTRP-16 council received a TAPE award. The award nomination focused on P-16 Council work with Birdville ISD and was prepared by members of the Communication and Networking Committee. Cynthia Fisher Miller,

Mary Harris, Jean Keller, and Ray de los Santos were present at the award ceremony at the TASA Midwinter conference.

Ray de los Santos shared he helped recruit students to participate in the SuperSaturday programs at Molina and Lake Highlands High School. At Molina, they sponsored the first ever outreach program for juniors and he participated in the presentation sponsored by Commit. Also, he presented a workshop at the Llaves del Exito Program in February on working with undocumented families and taking advantage of scholarship and other opportunities for undocumented students.

Jacqueline Vega shared the *Pick Your Path* brochure developed by the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. The brochure is posted on the Council's website.

#### **G. Committee Meetings and Reports**

1. *Professional Development –Jeffrey Miller*

The Career and Readiness Symposium is March 29, 2014, at TWU-Dallas Center. We need to get the information out to administrators and school counselors. The Keynote speaker will be talking about HB 5. Please let the committee know if you have any speaker suggestions.

2. *Communication and Networking- Deborah Endres*

The committee focus is to share HB5 resources on the Council's website.

3. *Funding & Sustainability- Mary Harris, Don Perry, and Ray de los Santos*

The committee discussed the sustainability of the Council and needed financial and human resources. External funding from the state does not look promising. The committee identified other potential sources of external funding.

4. *Research, Assessment, & Accountability – V. Barbara Bush*

The committee wants to work together with Professional Development committee since they are working on some of the same topic areas.

#### **H. Adjourn and Complete Committee Assignments**

Mary Harris thanked Kathy Wright Chapman and Region 11 ESC for hosting the NTRP-16 Council meeting.

#### **Future NTRP-16 Council Meetings**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

May 6, 2014

Texas Woman's University –  
Dallas Center

Barbara Lerner