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Central District Resource Management Team January 26, 2007

Present: Sue Buck, Jackie Carattini, Don Genrich, Tammy Hansen, Mark Hilliker, Peter Manley, Dan Renzoni, Lesly Scott, Jennifer Brindley
Absent: Sue McConnell

One-Time/Base Funds Update

Went over Howard Fenton's spreadsheet of one-time and base funds. Currently have \$36,602 available in one-time funds and a negative base balance of \$4,315.

Discussion on Central District Program Planning/Strategic Planning Process in 2007

Discussed the proposal from UWSP's Community Research Center. The proposal has been shared with Department Heads and the consensus is to use the one-time money to fund the needs assessment this way.

The timeline for the statewide needs assessment is close to our timeline, so our results would be comparable with the rest of the state.

The proposal requires counties to make up to several hundred phone calls using both staff and volunteers. The Community Research Center would train the callers either via teleconference or on the UWSP campus. Since the counties are making the calls, the proposal from the Center is lower than was expected (\$12,740).

Concerns were expressed about recruiting volunteers and time/equipment needed for the calls. Discussed having the Center make the calls as well, but this would increase their cost. Mark will contact Gary Itzkowitz at the Center to see what the additional costs would be.

An option could be to have high school or tech school students help with the calls. School groups could do this as a fundraiser and computer labs at the schools could be used, for a fee, if the counties don't have the equipment. Another option would be to have volunteers make calls for more than one county. If staff are making the calls, they could be made during the day instead of the evening.

Next Steps

Mark will contact Gary Itzkowitz and see what the cost would be for the Community Research Center to make the approximately 5000 calls needed for the Central District needs assessment. He will also ask Gary if he has any advice for us regarding recruiting volunteers and how much the training would cost if it were done in the county, versus at UWSP. Mark will email Sue with the results and she will distribute them to the team.

Will take the proposal and options discussed today to the Department Heads during their February 6 teleconference for their input. The Resource Management Team will meet by teleconference on February 23. We will go over the feedback from the Department Heads and the proposal again and make a decision. If there is money left after the needs assessment process, we will offer Innovative Grants. Application materials would be made available right away.

Next Meeting Date

Teleconferences are scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month, from 10:30-noon. Next teleconference is February 23.

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