

CSDE-IHE-LEA Workgroup Meeting Notes November 30, 2012

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Attendance: Peter Madonia and Gladys Labas, Southern; Maria Kat Davoodi, Alternate Route to Certification; Adelaide Merrill and Maryann Rossi, Western; Shane Smith, University of New Haven; Holly Hollander, Central CT State University; Christine Emmons, Yale; Larry Schaefer, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents; Kim Wachtelhausen, Sharon Fuller, Rosanne Daigneault, and Iris White, CSDE

Kim Wachtelhausen and Sharon Fuller from the Talent Office, CSDE provided an overview of the Connecticut SEED (System of Educator Evaluation and Development) (handouts attached. These can also be downloaded from the SEED website: www.connecticutseed.org.

Kim and Sharon welcome the opportunity to come to IHE's to present the same materials. They prefer small groups for more interaction and to hear participant concerns. Feedback is always shared with management here at CSDE. Kim and Sharon are also willing to come back to our workgroup to provide updates.

Member of the group asked Kim and Sharon if they had recommendations on how to prepare teachers for this next system. Their suggestions were:

- Getting faculty knowledgeable about SEED
- Share rubric-helpful for candidates to be familiar with the language as it relates to teaching and learning
- Take them through a mock evaluation process

Kim also shared a "wish list" for teacher candidates from Eileen Howley, former Assistant Superintendent, West Hartford Public Schools.

CSDE is developing a newsletter to be sent out to non-pilot districts regarding SEED. Iris will share her higher education distribution list to make sure IHEs also receive the newsletter.

Larry Schaefer, From CAPSS, shared a brief overview of the Education Transformation Project, NextEd. Website: <http://www.ctnexted.org/>. They are using 3 strategies to promote the project:

1. Build public will to change. CAPSS is holding a contest where students submit a 1-5 minute video on how they would change education to help them learn better.
2. Advocacy
3. Proof of concept: 9 high schools have already committed to this model with another 10 lined up.

We will invite Larry and/or Joe Cirasulo to another meeting to have more time to discuss the recommendations.

Iris will send out a Meeting Wizard with possible dates/times for our next meeting.