

Colorado Content Collaboratives

Cohort II—Meeting Two

Loveland, Colorado—September 19 and 20, 2012

Goals of the Meeting:

- The researchers for each content area will present their work.
- The Content Collaboratives will begin reviewing assessments.
- The Assessment Review Tool will be clarified, as necessary.

Day One—September 19, 2012

Introduction

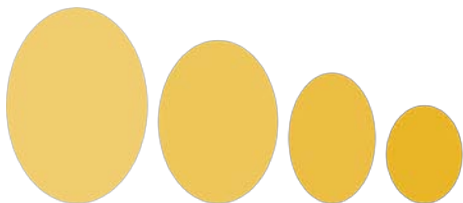
Jo O'Brien opened the two day session by welcoming all of the Collaborative members and others present during a plenary session. After going over the goals for these two days, Jo shared that she now has a new position within the Colorado Department of Education as Assistant Commissioner for Research and Special Projects and therefore will be turning the leadership of the Collaborative process over to Tricia Miller, Director of the Vision 20/20 Office (Race to the Top). Tricia added her welcome and she and Angela Norlander, Principal Consultant in the Unit of Assessment, went over the agenda. The researchers for each content area were then introduced to the group. The CDE content areas and their researchers are:

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Matt Fleck is an education professional with more than 18 years experience, most recently as Indiana's State CTE Director, where he managed CTE programs in 48 area districts.

Jennifer Y. Grams has 15 years of experience in the government and non-profit sectors. She has served as the Assistant Town Administrator in Brookline, Massachusetts and as a Group Administrator at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Thom Suddreth has been involved with education for over fifteen years. After a successful career in the construction industry as a business owner he transitioned into the consulting field. Thom has worked as a trainer and consultant in the corporate world as well as the arena of education.



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COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH

Tami Benham Deal, PED, is a professor in the Division of Kinesiology and Health at the University of Wyoming.

MATHEMATICS

David C. Webb, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the University of Colorado at Boulder School of Education.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Nick Cutforth, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Research Methods and Statistics Program in the Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver.

SCIENCE

Steven McGee, Ph.D., is a research associate professor of learning sciences at Northwestern University and is president of The Learning Partnership, an educational consulting small business.

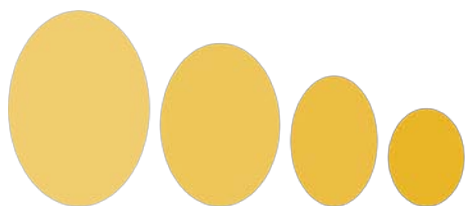
WORLD LANGUAGES

Ann Tollefson is a national consultant in the development, implementation, and evaluation of world-language programs.

Breakouts into Content Collaboratives

Each Collaborative then adjourned to their respective meeting spaces to receive the results of their researcher's work in identifying assessments for review and consideration. Each collaborative was able to engage in thorough dialogue with the researchers to assist in more fully understanding the nature of their research, and to prepare for reviewing the assessments using the Assessment Review Tool introduced in meeting #1 in Pueblo on July 23rd and 24th. Each Collaborative organized by grade level, as appropriate, and began the process of reviewing the assessments delivered by their researchers.

Dr. Jeri Thompson from the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment (NCIEA) was present to assist the collaborative members with questions regarding the effective use of the Content Review Tool.



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Day Two—September 20, 2012

Updates and Q&A from Day One

Dr. Thompson opened Day Two with a general session to address questions regarding the use of the Content Review Tool. A few general questions regarding aspects of Senate Bill 10-191 were address by Tricia Miller.

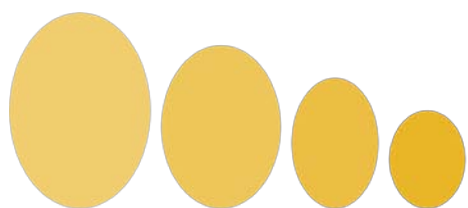
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For the remainder of the day, collaborative members continued the review of the assessments brought forward by their content area researcher.

Closing

All members reconvened to pose additional questions and provide feedback on the two days of work. The members received information as to how to provide feedback to CDE on guidance that will be created to support district use of the Assessment Resource Bank, which is currently in development.

The Collaborative will reconvene in Aurora on October 24 and 25, 2012 to continue reviewing assessments that will be considered for inclusion in the State's Assessment Resource Bank.



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