

CBS WebEx – 4.3.20 – Q and A

WebEx called to order and welcome by Monica Wilson and Jon Kerr.

Monica Wilson shared the link to the [COVID-19 Google Folder](#):

Jon's update:

- Most important piece of guidance we can give you is to continue to devote your energies to providing the best instruction and student services that you possibly can during this challenging time. Please do not worry about testing, I promise that you will not be penalized for not meeting performance targets and post-test rates during this time.

We do ask that you track those students that are unable to be tested due to COVID19.

- Update from Cheryl Keenan, OCTAE – Jon reached out and their conversation has been included in the Q and A in the GoogleDoc.
- Cheryl's message in the Nat'l State Directors Shop Talk – please thank your providers, their staff, faculty and learners who have worked to continue instruction. I know all are worried about testing concerns and completions and targets. Our guidance is to focus on the delivery of the best instruction and educational services that we can continue to deliver to students.
- Jon asked if there had been any discussion about relaxing the requirements for K12 students to have a release from their district to attend basic skills programming during the COVID19 crisis. Jon requested that they consider allowing students to be co-enrolled in both K12/basic education simultaneously during the crisis. She let him know that no one had asked that question and that was a great question and that she would forward to their lawyers and get back to him.

Cheryl also stated that in their next vision of the OCTAE Q and A, they will be discussing what to do if testing continues to not be accessible, and she acknowledged that this could continue for quite some time – potentially through fall quarter.

Jon also ask if/how the three federal stimulus packages will support adult education and if they would be providing information to us on how we can get that assurance that the money will come to adult education programs. She was unable to answer the question, but will look into and get back to Jon about it.

- Jon is working with Arlen and Senator Patty Murray's office to give some input on what would be the fourth stimulus package, that they believe will be coming out in the next month or so, to ensure that adult education is included in that as well.
- Update from Jan Yoshiwara this morning:
 - Stay at home, stay healthy has been extended to May 4th
 - Most colleges have pushed back the spring start date by two-weeks to give faculty and staff additional time to move classes to online and remote delivery
 - Most colleges are moving as much instruction and student services online as possible for the entire Spring quarter
 - The biggest challenges continue to be with our workforce education programs, especially those that are heavy in lab and clinical sections

- Some providers are doing the lecture/theory portion first and then later in the quarter they will do the lab/clinical sections, if colleges should open up
- Some providers are splitting the course, so the lecture/theory portion are spring quarter and the lab/clinical sections the next quarter
- We do know that some classes will not be able to run, due to social distancing and they simply won't be offered
- Our colleges are doing their part to support the health care community
 - King County colleges have agreed to host the King County Health Department drive through COVID testing stations in their parking lots
 - Rural colleges have agreed to let local hospitals use their nursing labs as back up hospital beds for non-infectious patients to free up hospital space for infectious patients
 - Colleges have donated boxes of personal protection equipment to local hospitals and health departments
- SBCTC is working with OSPI to try and serve more running start students in our online classes – we are really hoping to work with the feds to open it up so that K12 can take advantage of our online basic skills classes

Review of Guidance shared this week – Troy Goracke

- For the remainder of this year, there are changes to what you are able to spend Leadership Grant dollars on. The allowable changes or 2019-20 LBG expenditures during the novel corona virus/COVID19 emergency are:
 - Payment of stipends or wages for part-time faculty developing on-line/remote curriculum
 - Payment of registration for non-SBCTC/BEEdA supported trainings for faculty and staff
 These changes are effective immediately and if you make any changes, it will require a budget revision in OBIS – see Troy if you have questions
 - Again, please remember that registration for Rendezvous 2020 can be paid for out of 2019-20 LBG.
- Jodi Ruback will continue to share the eLearning resource that are being sent out to other list serves
- I-BEST Webinar Series – Will Durden
 - [Spring 2020 I-BEST Webinar Series](#) | Fridays @ 10:30am – 11:30am
 - April 3rd: Opening I-BEST Webinar (Policy & Guidance; Purpose & Format; Q&A and Input)
 - April 10th: Team Teaching Online (Focus on Team Teaching)
 - April 17th: Team Teaching Collaborative Planning for Online Instruction (Focus on Co-Planning Strategies and Tools)
 - April 24th: Navigation for Online Programs (Focus on navigation)
 - May 1st: Team Teaching Check-in: Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps
 - Future dates on demand and as need/topics arise

Washington State Student Achievement Council ([WSAC](#)) – Gail Wootan

Shared a few updates:

- They have a COVID19 webpage that has information that my help undocumented students
- Additional resources for immigrant students
- The USCIS – anything related to COVID19, will not be held against a person when applying to become a permanent resident
- [Everyoneon.org](#) – helps to find free Wi-Fi
- Washington College Grant has been updated, and they are taking public comment on now – there is a public hearing on 4/7 to hear what's happening
- Ami Magisos, AmiM@wsac.wa.gov for College and Career Compass

Jon has asked Jodi Ruback to pull the CBO's together for a meeting and include WSAC

Chat Questions:

Q) We have been approached by a student who has used up all of her chances in ABE at TCC. She is asking if she can enroll in the SPSCC program. Does that policy apply statewide or by college? It sounds like there are learning disabilities involved?

A) It's college by college, so yes, you can enroll them.

Q) For our Project I-DEA and ELA classes, we have some loaner computers for students who do not have technology at home, we are having challenges getting computers to students in the face of the "stay-at-home" order passed down by the governor. Any ideas on how we can get tech to students from the State Board's view? Any thoughts or suggestions would be appreciated.

Comment – Spokane – We might have a drive through for computer and hot spot distribution.

Comment – TCH is working on a drive thru for computers, education packets for students, and emergency food delivery.

Comment – Sound Learning – As a small CBO, mostly in a rural area, we have slightly more complicated issues around technology and access. But I believe we will start a drive by for packets, and continue to find affordable alternatives for lack of internet access.

Comment – TCC is also looking at mailing packets and has one parking lot with extended Wi-Fi. computer distribution is still in the works.

A) From Jon, it seems like the drive up/pick up piece is being the most successful in moving this forward.

Q) Are there liability issues with computer home deliveries?

A) You will need to check with your agency and see that anything you are planning, falls within their interpretation of the Governor's orders.

Q) How widely are schools coordinating with K-12 schools on distributing technology to students? We have many students who have children and may receive Chrome books or other technology that the parents could use to access Adult Education as well. Has anyone considered how we can save money by avoiding doubling up on distributing technology?

A) Jon suggested that CBOs and Colleges should connect with their local school districts – local decision.

Q) Would the K-12 tech have firewalls?

- A)** My son has a Chrome book from OSPI and it does have firewalls.
- Q)** Does it seem possible that Rendezvous will be cancelled?
- A)** Currently, it is still scheduled, it's not being postponed/canceled.
- Q)** Shannon Klasell – Is there anything in your community as far as lists of free Wi-Fi? Schools are opening parking lots, libraries, etc.?
- A)** Amy Diehr – I will look into that. I know at least one library has closed their parking lot to the public. I will check with the school district about possible Wi-Fi use in their parking lots.
- Q)** Can we use BLB for registration for all faculty and staff, not just part-time?
- A)** Yes, it can be used for any faculty or staff.
- Q)** RE Leadership Block Grant, can we use funds to pay for time spent in trainings such as "Learn to Zoom" and all the other online/remote instruction trainings that have been happening?
- A)** Yes, it can be used for PT-faculty, same as we do for our sponsored trainings.
- Comment – SPSCC shortened our winter quarter and delayed our spring quarter, so faculty are on contract for these trainings.
- Q)** Will the I-BEST webinars be recorded? This was a request from some of my faculty.
- A)** Yes, they will be recorded.
- Q)** At GRC, we are trying to move forward with tuition waivers for students. We received guidance that they need to be given at an individual basis, no batches, except for I-BEST. Also, that we can use a student email for their signature. Normally, we were requiring students to show us proof of need (for example, SNAP benefits card) that we were making a copy to include in their file. We received guidance from SBCTC that this is not needed. Our program manager states this is a requirement from our Enrollment Services, as it was an audit issue on their end. We have reached out to our Enrollment Services to verify this again (haven't heard back) but wanted to ask if others were having similar issues?
- A)** Jon provided a bit of history, about 2-years ago, the state auditing team – said that the evidence was needed. BEdA pushed back and it was decided that, no, a signed waiver quarterly by the student is enough and there doesn't need to be anything further. If you need help supporting this, just let us know.
- Q)** If we delay the start to Spring Quarter, do we need to extend as well? Our quarter was originally 10 weeks - could it be 8? (for example)
- A)** It's a local decision.
- Q)** If a signed waiver is required per quarter per student, can we use the same approach we are using with the WABERs form and go with a phone interview?
- A)** Yes, as long as it's documented.
- Q)** When will a decision be made about Rendezvous? We don't want to hold the dollars in our grant to pay for registration and be stuck with it at the end of the year.
- A)** Will have a decision made on Rendezvous by end of April.
- Comment – Lionel @ GRC – Hi Jon, can you please provide me with the proof for Waivers to share with our Enrollment Services?
- Comment from Jon – annually, we have about \$1 mil to \$1.5 mil unspent each year by our providers, that is returned to SBCTC. He encourages you to look at your budgets now, if you see a need to purchase technology, please do so – products must be on-site by 6.30.20.