Minutes
January CORE Meeting
January 15, 2014

In attendance: Kelly Roberts (Chair, HI), Dalun Zhang (Vice Chair, TX), Mark Innocenti (Secretary, UT), Meaghan McHugh (AUCD), Margo Izzo (OH), Karen Ward (AK)

Updates:

1. First webinar on Scaling-Up EnvisionIT: An Evidence-Based Practice to Improve Academic and Transition Outcomes. December 16, 2013

This was completed and it received good reviews. The webinar evaluation was sent out with the December minutes but is also appended here. To watch the archived webinar, please check out the AUCD webinar library at www.aucd.org/webinars.

Plan for 2014:

2. Hold 3 webinars on evaluation
   a. Discuss content
   b. Possible topics discussed at the annual meeting – (1) Grantsmanship and evaluation, (2) how to use evaluation to tell your story, and (3) sample evaluation plans

A plan was developed for delivering these webinars. Kelly will ask Bob Stodden, HI UCEDD Director, if he is willing to do the webinar on grantsmanship and evaluation. We will work toward presenting this on March 5, 2014 at 3:00 EST. The group determined that it would be best if the sample evaluation plan webinar came next. A decision was made to focus on evaluation directly related to UCEDD core missions and LEND programs. Kelly will work with Meaghan to identify UCEDD and LEND directors who might participate on a panel. This webinar was tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2014 at 3:00 EST. Mark Innocenti volunteered to do the webinar on using evaluation to tell your story. This will occur sometime in September; specific date TBD.

3. Research and evaluation included in the annual conference – Kelly Roberts has volunteered to be on the conference planning committee
   a. Points of consideration –
      i. include research in each concurrent presentation and then indicate this in the conference program – perhaps color code. Those submitting a proposal could check a box if their presentation is research based
      ii. define what will be considered research based

Kelly will be involved in conference planning for the 2014 conference. The first meeting for this group is scheduled for this month. She will bring up strand ideas. Discussion focused on what does a research strand encompass. For the concurrent presentations, the
consensus was that people would be submitting on topics of their interest (autism, interventions, etc.) and that they would be asked if the presentation is based on information on research they conducted. People would indicate what type of research. These presentations would be labelled in the agenda as research-based.

Kelly will discuss this idea with the conference planning committee to determine feasibility and get back to the CORE group.

4. Role of CORE at the annual conference?
   a. CORE sponsored workshop, at least one – what topic(s)?
   b. Development of a research strand.

The focus was on our desire to do sponsor a workshop. Kelly will send an email to all CORE representatives asking for workshop suggestions. Although our autism workshop was the mostly highly attended workshop at the annual meeting, there was a strong desire to have us present a workshop focused on research methods. This discussion will be continued on the next call once we have results from the email.

Other points of consideration:

5. Getting more information on CORE to the AUCD network. Partnerships with other Councils?

Kelly will initiate discussion with the LEND directors. Research is currently a discussion issue across LEND sites.

6. A discussion on increasing the representation of CORE in the AUCD network occurred and at the annual meeting. The possibility of doing a survey to all CORE representatives was discussed but concerns with this process were expressed. Further discussion?

This item was tabled.

Wrap up – Questions and Comments:

Margo requested feedback on her webinar. Response to the RFP they developed to fund research replication has been limited and they would like to have a larger pool of submitters. If you are interested in learning more and applying for this funding, go to: http://www.aucd.org/template/page.cfm?id=379 and look for Scaling-Up EnvisionIT. Margo can be contacted if you have questions. Proposals are due February 28, 2014.

Next CORE meeting: April 23, 2014; 3:00 PM EST