P16 Partnership Sub-Committee Minutes May 21, 2012 at Erie 1 BOCES and online 2:30-3:30

In Attendance: Nicole Bycina, Debra Schmitt, Patty Wrobel and Ashley Panara with input from Sharon Huff

- Reviewed the April 30 minutes in an effort to prioritize interests and narrow the list of
 product/presentations for the Summit. Considered the "different models that have proven to be
 effective in educating students" option. Discussed a One Stop being too ambitious for this group at
 this time with this economy and the competitive nature of funding, e.g. Perkins (perhaps a long-term
 planning committee should be established for this type of project)
- There was a need to first develop a mission statement for the sub-committee. Read the P16 mission on the WNY College Connection website. Determined that the mission of the Partnership committee "is to create or identify partnerships to close the gap in WNY higher education remedial rates." Pointed out that we need to identify the gaps. For example, what does the data say about the gaps? What are the expectations from colleges? Is the gap in reading? Writing? What type of reading? What type of Writing? Math? What are the issues? Is it an issue of mathematical application or problem solving? What are the baseline expectations/colleges have and how is that determined? What has been done in the past to eliminate the gaps? Discussed that the answer to these questions change with who you talk to about it. Discussed that answering these questions should be incorporated into the program at the Summit.
- Discussed the opportunity for P16 to assist in 2 big areas; APPR and Common Core.
- Discussed industry being the bridge for higher ed and K-12. All were in agreement with this and gave an example... the Advisory Committee model in Higher ed and in Districts with NAF Academies (http://naf.org).
- Discussed needing a product for the Summit that ultimately helps kids and not just more data collection.
- All in favor of "Adopting" a school (need to change title). Summit would be used for "match
 making" matching needs with Higher ed areas of expertise. Will develop a model that
 includes an Advisory Board, with the school district, the higher ed partner and industry
 involvement. Discussed developing a National Academy Foundation (NAF) like model,
 without the NAF fees.

Next Meeting: Consortium Meeting – June 20th from 2:00-4:00 in B-1 at Erie 1 BOCES