

**AVATAR Core Team Agenda to Plan Phase III Statewide Scale Up  
Creating Local and Regional Vertical Curricula Alignment Networks with ESC & P-16 Councils**

**Education Service Center Region XI**

**Fort Worth, TX**

**April 2, 2012**

**9:30am - 2:30pm (Kathy will arrange for lunch)**

Participants: Kathy Wright Chapman, Francine Holland, Chris Kanouse, Mary Harris, Nicole Volkman, Kerry Quinn, Jean Keller

**9:30 - 10:00** Kathy to report on all **TOT partners** ESC 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 14, 15, 16, 20

- Identification if possible of ESC facilitators; K-12; 2 and 4 year partners (by institutions)

- Identify suggested roles/positions (teachers, faculty, administrators, counselors, curriculum coordinators, department chairs etc.) of partners based on pilots
- Create process to secure commitments
- Due date for partner identification
- Reporting processes

**10:00 - 10:45** Identify/define the desired (measureable) **outcomes of the AVATAR Vertical Alignment Statewide Network** for 2012- 2013 and beyond

- Creating sustainable networks
- An environmental scan of vertical alignment training by content in the region
- An inventory of all training efforts related to vertical alignment in the region
- Creation of vertical alignment partnerships to foster student access and success in college and careers (content; process)
- Understanding of the relationship between CCRS and TEKS by all partners

**10:45 - 12:30** Create concrete **learning outcomes for the AVATAR TOT Training and Technical Assistance and finalize TOT agenda and presenters** (Who will do what on the agenda and timelines)

**Draft AVATAR TOT Agenda Topics**

- Welcome - THECB/TEA Officials - Who?
- Why AVATAR – Data to Drive a Level of Concern
  - Workforce Needs
  - National Education Trends
  - Texas Secondary College Ready Trends
  - Texas Postsecondary Trends – Entry and Completion
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- What is the AVATAR project? (Other Vertical Alignment efforts?)
  - Goals
  - Outcomes
  - Secondary and Postsecondary Partners
  - Secondary and Postsecondary Partnership Benefits
  - Roles and Responsibilities
    - Why are you here?
    - What do you expect in this partnership?

Activity: Three things you want others to know about your college educational journey

- Overview of Modules and Educational Materials Teams May Use
  - Module 1: Project Introduction and Partners' Roles and Responsibilities
  - Module 2: Creating a College Ready Student
  - Module 3: State Standards and Assessment Connections
  - Module 4: College and Career Readiness Standards
  - Module 5: College Ready Assessments
  - Module 6: Secondary and Postsecondary Course Profiles
  - Module 7: Reflection and Action Plans
  - Module 8: Action Plans, PowerPoint, and Research
  - Module 9: A New Texas Core Curriculum
  - Module 10: Selecting Data to Measure Improvement
- Creating a College Ready Student
  - David Conley's research
  - Key Principles of College Readiness

Activity: I wish I knew back then....

- Secondary Curriculum and Assessment Standards/Requirements
  - TEKS
  - STAAR/EOC
  - CCRS

Activity:

- Postsecondary Expectations
  - College Ready Texas Success Initiative Assessment (New TSI, THEA, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS)
  - Core Course Profiles
    - Content and Cross Disciplinary Expectations
    - SLOs
    - Delivery Methods
    - Assessments

Activity:

- Examine high school data of participating partners
  - AEIS
  - THECB Indicators – 2 year college performance
  - THECB Indicators – 4 year college performance
  - Examine specific high school data
  - 21 Century Competencies (Workforce)

Activity: Role alike (mentors) debrief

- AVATAR P-16 Team Next Steps and Set Up
  - Action Plan
  - AVATAR Activity Log
  - Timelines and Expectations
- AVATAR Technical Assistance, ESC Educational Programs, and Supports
  - Monthly Conference Calls
  - ESC Educational Programs related to VAT, CCRS, etc.
  - Technical Assistance
  - Website
  - Data Support

**12:00 - 12:30 Working Lunch**

**12:30 - 1:30 TOT Logistics & Assignments**

Invitations, Registration, Expectations for teams, Pick Ups & Returns from Airport,  
Hotel, Meals, Agenda time line, Educational Materials, Evaluations, Assignments

**1:30 - 2:00 Region 10 and XI Pilot Groups and the Future with the Scale Up**

**2:00 - 2:30 Next Steps and Wrap Up for the Day**

**Thanks to all**