**UTPA\_STC\_PSJA Science Vertical Alignment Action Plan**

**2012-2013 Target Content: Science (Chemistry and Physics)**

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| **Action**  | **What**  | **When**  | **Where**  | **How**  | **Who**  | **Outcome**  |
| **1.**  | **Participate in VAT training**  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Attend AVATAR Partner Training**  | **8/13/12** | **Fort Worth**  | **Participation in training** | **Laura Saenz-UTPA****Cindy Valdez-UTPA** **Wally Johnson-STC****Tina McIntyre-Reg I****David Garza-PSJA** **Luis Suarez-PSJA**  | **Introductory knowledge acquired**  |
|  | **AVATAR Video Conference** | **8/28/12**  | **Region One** |  | **Laura Saenz-UTPA****Cindy Valdez-UTPA** **Barbara Gonzalez-Reg I** **Daniel Plas-UTPA**  | **Clarification of timeline and expectations for AVATAR**  |
| **2.**  | **Form and sustain partnerships**  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Partner meeting**  | **10/26/12** | **UTPA** | **Face-to-face meeting**  | **Laura Saenz-UTPA** **Cindy Valdez-UTPA** **Daniel Plas-UTPA** **David Garza-PSJA** **Wally Johnson-STC** **Ludy Avila-STC**  | **Initial meeting held**  |
|  | **Partner meeting**  | **11/9/12** | **UTPA**  | **Face-to-face meeting** | **Laura Saenz-UTPA** **Daniel Plas-UTPA** **David Garza-PSJA** **Israel Nicanor-PSJA** **Ludy Avila-STC****Mahmoud Gassem-STC**  | **Additional key partners identified and attended**  |
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| **3.**  | **Collect and report regional data to use in aligning decision making and follow up**  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Collect and report initial data from publicly available sites** | **9/24/12** |  |  | **Laura Saenz-UTPA**  | **Powerpoint developed and submitted to AVATAR**  |
|  | **Submit and certify PSJA data to THECB**  | **1/31/13** | **PSJA**  |  | **PSJA, UTPA & STC** **Laura Saenz-UTPA**  | **Pathways reports provided by THECB**  |
| **4.**  | **Create shared understandings**  | **1/9/13** | **UTPA**  | **Face-to-face meeting**  | **Laura Saenz-UTPA** **Daniel Plas-UTPA****Tim Sears-UTPA****John Villarreal-UTPA** **Chris Smith- UTPA** **David Garza-PSJA** **Luis Suarez-PSJA** **Israel Nicanor-PSJA** **Ludy Avila-STC****Mahmoud Gassem-STC** | **Developed shared understanding of alignment** **Identified key goals****Identified data requests**  |
|  | **-Create shared understandings** **-Train and introduce new members: Weslaco ISD and Region One**  | **3/1/13**  |  | **Face-to-face meeting** | **Laura Saenz-UTPA** **Daniel Plas-UTPA****John Villarreal-UTPA** **Chris Smith- UTPA** **David Garza-PSJA** **Luis Suarez-PSJA** **Israel Nicanor-PSJA** **Wally Johnson –STC** **Ludy Avila-STC****Patty Gandy – Region One, T-STEM Center****Barbara Gonzalez-Region One** **Sergio Garcia-Weslaco ISD** **Connie Sinoy-Weslaco ISD****Maria Castillo-Weslaco ISD** ***Guest: Jay Bhat*** | **Developed shared understanding of alignment** **Discussed key short term and long-term goals** |
|  | **-Create shared understandings****-Train and introduce new members: Sharyland and McAllen ISD**  | **4/5/13** |  | **Face-to-face meeting** | **Laura Saenz-UTPA** **Time Sears-UTPA****John Villarreal-UTPA** **Chris Smith- UTPA** **Frank Dean - UTPA****Wally Johnson-STC** **Mahmoud Gassem-STC****Israel Nicanor-PSJA** **Patty Gandy – Region** **One, T-STEM Center****Connie Sinoy-Weslaco** **Maria Castillo-Weslaco** **Graciela DeAnda-Sharyland****Orlando Montalvo-Sharyland** **Ofelia Garza-Sharyland** **Oralia Arrellano – McAllen** **Gracie Padaca-McAllen** **Wendy Grohler-McAllen** **Marie Smith-McAllen**  | **Developed shared understanding of alignment** **Discussed key short term and long-term goals** |

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| **5.**  | **Determine goals**  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Short-term goals**  | **Started:** **1/9/13 and ongoing**  |  | **Face-to-face meetings** | **All team members**  | **-Develop exit/entry level assessments for chemistry courses at the secondary level** **-Examine the predictive power of Algebra II performance to post-secondary Chemistry performance** **-Develop self-assessments for teachers to become basis for professional development to be provided**  |
|  | **Long-term goals**  | **Started:** **1/9/13 and ongoing**  |  | **Face-to-face meetings**  | **All team members**  | **-Provide professional development to teachers** **-Bridge programs for students**  |