**Science Vertical Alignment Team Meeting**

Participating Partners: UTPA, STC, PSJA, Weslaco and Region One

March 1, 2013 Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome [4:00 to 4:15]

a. Introductions

b. New members/attendees: Barbara Gonzalez (Region One), Patty Gandy (Region One) and Connie Sonoy (Weslaco ISD)

c. Guests: Jay Bhat

II. Review our broad purpose for forming a science vertical alignment team and review our accomplishments [4:15 to 4:30]

a. AVATAR

b. Pathways

c. Remediation & Developmental education

d. Soft skills

e. Teacher knowledge

III. Examine Pathways Data Reports [4:30 to 4:45]

IV. Establish a purpose statement, goals, and objects [4:45 to 5:00]

a. Why does a project exist? How would we explain our project to a funding agency?

b. The purpose of the Region One Science Vertical alignment team is to………

c. What are our goals? Should be something that we work over time; can take 1 to 5 years; should address an immediate need. Perhaps 2 to 30 goals.

Example: Increase the number of graduates going to college.

d. What outcomes would we like to target? How can we measure progress towards meeting our goals? At least one per goal.

Example: Show a 5% increase in college going among high school graduates.

V. Regional College Readiness Advisor Funds [5:00 to 5:15]

a. $30,000 funds available

b. Suggestions: stipends, teacher workshops, bridge program, etc.

VI. Other [5:15 to 6:00]

a. Continued shared understandings (Powerpoint)

b. CHEM 1301 and CHEM 1302 tests (use for teachers)

c. Develop student assessment to evaluate preparedness for CHEM 1301