

**C-TAC Advisory Meeting
Adult Probation and Corrections
December 10th, 2009
11:30-1:30 pm**

Members Present: Walt Ward, Doug Grzybowski, Ruben Foster, Allan Gee, Dan Bohrsen, Bruce Jackman, Michael Bernard, Bob Hammer, Leanne Abendroth, Mary Anderson, Sal Mattero,

Guests Present: Val Ischi -Dept. of Labor, Verda Benson and Carmen Franchino-Career Skills Institute, Paul Scott-Probation and Parole, Peter Brazil-CTE teacher KCHS/WDC, Josh Brege-CTE teacher-Homer High, Loretta Spalding- KPBSD Career Guide Liaison

After welcome and introductions Ruben Foster from the Department of Corrections and Adult Probation talked about the new prison being built in Point McKenzie in the valley. The projected completion is 2012. The goal with this new prison is to be able to fully house all prisoners eliminating the need to send them out of state. There will be a few severe criminals that will still be sent to prisons in other states.

The new prison will create roughly 250 new jobs ranging from those working in the criminal justice field to nursing, maintenance, health and human service workers, etc.

Paul Scott from the Department of Corrections and Adult Probation gave a brief description on the Introduction to Criminal Justice Career Pathways class that will be offered to KPBSD high schools students for the first time in January. It will be a 60 hour after school academy. The course will cover all jobs within the criminal justice field. Paul has scheduled many guest speakers within this pathway and a possible field trip to the Kenai Police Department. A text book called "Work in Criminal Justice: An A to Z Guide to Careers in Criminal Justice" has been ordered with funds from the Youth First Grant. A lot of careers in this pathway are considered first responders so each student will be offered CPR training and possible certification. He thanked Ruben Foster for all of his help with this academy.

Loretta Spalding the KPBSD Career Guidance Liaison gave an overview of her job duties. She is currently meeting with staff and students within the school district to bring awareness to all of the tools that are available to aide students in a career choice and the classes offered to achieve that choice. She is currently introducing students and many staff members to various career related sections in the AKCIS program available to all students and staff within the KPBSD.

Loretta has also started the process of applying for a Denali Grant which focuses on making youth more employable through hands on training. Loretta asked for letters of approval/support from members to include in the Denali Grant proposal.

Dan Bohrsen discussed the federal stimulus money awarded the KPBSD to enhance and upgrade Career and Technical education. Each school was asked to supply a list of what upgrades their existing CTE shop facilities could benefit from. The items had to be within the equipment guidelines. Many schools will benefit from the stimulus money. Each requested piece of equipment will be evaluated to ensure there is a need for it and that it fits within the guidelines. A realistic time frame for the arrival of new equipment is late spring. With new equipment comes installation and safety guidelines that will be handled by the proper employees. The next focus/expenditure will be in the Health and Human Service departments. Dan asked the group to go over the career clusters that were handed out at the meeting. The 16 clusters represent the different CTE pathways a student can choose as their desired field of study. Within each cluster are various pathways that can be achieved by courses offered with the KPBSD. Dan would like to see a focus on the Health Science, Human Service, Business Management and Administration. The Career Clusters can be viewed online at <http://careerclusters.org/>. The committee was asked for their input at the next meeting as to what they would like to see the school district focus on and what existing programs they should upgrade/enhance. A handout on the AGIA list of high demand high wage jobs was given to each member to use as a tool when looking at the clusters choices.

Leanne Abendroth listed the Construction Academies scheduled for this year. 17 classes will be offered in carpentry, welding, drafting and weatherization. These classes are funded by the CEF grant, the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development and the Youth First grant. 7 academies have finished and 10 will begin after winter break. The Construction Education Foundation and Alaska Construction Academies asked that an academy instructor from the student academies be chosen to receive the 2009 Instructor Excellence award. This year's winner was Homer High Schools Joshua Brege. His tireless devotion to this program and the students is remarkable. Each session has over 15 students. With these academies come extra duties after the traditional school day. Students from Voznesenka, Razdolna, Kachemak-Selo and Homer participate. Josh has made his program in Homer very successful!

Other academies offered through the Youth First and Carl Perkins grants are Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT), Personal Care Attendant (PCA), Medical Terminology and the new Intro to Criminal Justice Career Pathways. There are a total of six scheduled this year. Voznesenka will have its first ETT academy starting February 22nd.

Bob Hammer from the Adult Construction Academies will be offering courses in weatherization, electrical, plumbing, and welding and carpentry. This is the 3rd year for the program funded by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The welding classes will be held at the Workforce Development Center. All others will be held in the Economic Development District building. Bob was recognized for his outstanding devotion to the adult construction academy program. He was awarded the 2009 Instructor Excellence award presented to him in Juneau at the Alaska State Homebuilders

Association Awards banquet. The courses will begin February 1st with interviews and orientation taking place in January.

Peter Brazil a Skills USA club leader talked about the District CTSO Conference that will be held in Kenai on February 18th. The event will be held at the Challenger Learning Center and at the Workforce Development Center. Volunteers are needed for judging the competitions and members were encouraged to sign up or pass the information on to a qualified person. There will be many competitions. Students from around the district will compete. A welding Simulator on loan from the ACG will be on hand for students to try out. A key note speaker will also be needed.

Discussion Topics

- **A welding simulator is available to the After School Construction Academy program and the KPBSD through the Alaska Works Program.**
- **Ruben Foster would like to see the school district look into possibly offering more classes in the Health Science field. One example: substance abuse counseling.**
- **Peter Brazil said that with each new design/ drafting program comes technology problems, computers not capable of loading new programs even with all the new computers distributed last year.**
- **Marty Anderson would like to see a possible Arctic Engineering offered in the future, possibly incorporated in the Pre-Engineering classes offered at Soldotna High School.**
- **Sal Matero though it would benefit the school district to find out what students would like to see offered as CTE courses to better plan for upgrades/enhancements in the future. He stated that students in middle school would be a good target age.**
- **Ruben Foster would like to see an Outdoor Survival class offered.**
- **Marty Anderson said that nationally there will be roughly 30,000 job openings in the non-destructive testing field with 40% of those being in the United States.**

Thank you Ruben Foster and The Adult Probation and Parole for hosting our CTAC meeting!

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9th, 2010 at the KPBSD Workforce Development Center.

Happy Holidays to All!