Data Management Council online meeting minutes Dec. 5, 2012

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The phone conference was led by Andy Mehl and attended by Scott Grothe, Georgeanne Griffith, Tami Haft, Vera McCrink, Wayne Burr(?), Jeanie Meholchick, Jess McCafferty, Ann Lewis and Archie George

- 1) Discussed the Data Sharing Agreement between the Idaho Department of Labor and the Idaho Board of Education. This agreement means institutions can now have access to DOL data, and can share student information with DOL. Andy anticipates a new capability for direct transfer, through the existing file transfer system, between the two entities. One question would be whether the students in workforce training should also be able to come under this agreement. Anyone who would like to try using the system for work with Vera. Non-credit workforce training. For those looking for a copy of the non-credit workforce data sharing agreement, this has been attached to these minutes.
- 2) Andy shared the MOU between OSBE and the State Department of Education. This is has "been brewing" for a while. Part of the federal grant was to implement the EDUID system, which has largely been finished. The steps that need to be done are captured in this agreement. One important aspect is work that needs to be done to "clean up" the duplicate EDUIDs that are becoming a problem. Some funds might be targeted toward training at the K-12 level. Linda suggested she and Andy could pick a few K-12 district leaders to review and provide feedback on the agreement and potential effects, priorities.
- 3) Feedback to the schools reports have been run and distributed to the districts. Andy has gotten feedback from the districts, the most major issue identified regards mismatches of students. Another issue that came was that the criteria that SBOE's requirement that a student attend the post-secondary institution for at least 25% of the term to be included in the feedback reports, while most of the postsecondary institutions are reporting these students to the Clearinghouse. Thus, some students are included in the feedback reports from the Clearinghouse in the reports from SBOE, because those students who dropped out early. Andy has the details on this for those who are interested and SBOE staff could produce reports in this area. The next steps involve reporting on students who needed remediation, and other postsecondary attributes, in the high-school feedback reports. Andy now has the ICE files for the 2010-2011 school year at the high school, so two years of data are now available for reporting back. School districts are very interested in hearing more from Andy regarding these feedback reports. Top topics are "what the data management council is" and what's going into the high school feedback reports. Andy "would love to do that."
- 4) Vera asked about Labor Market sharing, in a similar fashion s the high school feedback reports. Andy indicated DOL currently has to do "manual" extractions for feedback reporting. A longitudinal database for DOL data is about 2 years down the road. While some out-of-Idaho data is available through DOL, this is not available at the student level. One important report

that would be especially relevant from DOL, as an example, is whether the students remain chronically unemployed after workforce training. Andy doesn't anticipate an "automatic" link to pull data from DOL in the foreseeable future.

5) Vera asked whether the postsecondary student data is also part of the overall data sharing agreement, i.e. are all agencies that report to SBOE included in the MOU for data sharing. Andy indicated this is indeed the case.