

AVATAR Meeting Minutes

Meeting:	AVATAR ADVISORY GROUP MEETING		
Date:	June 5, 2012		
Start Time:	12:30 P.M.	End Time:	2:30 P.M.
Location:	Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce		
Participants:	Mary Harris, Jesse C. Jones, Chris Kano use, Jean Keller, Brenda Kohl, Barbara Lerner, Cynthia Fisher Miller, Kerry Quinn, Nicole Volkman		
Meeting Purpose:	TOT Statewide Rollout Planning		
Preparation Required:			

Topic	Discussion Leader	Feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AVATAR Review and Evaluation-Phase I & II 	Mary Harris Jean Keller	Mary Harris provided a summary evaluation of Phases I & II of the AVATAR Project including pilot projects in ESC Regions 10 and XI. The participants indicated “administrative support” as a need to implement vertical alignment. Overall, participants have found the AVATAR process a positive and useful experience. Mary Harris explained that an external evaluator has conducted additional evaluations and will provide a summary this week. The “AVATAR Process” is being defined and clarified so it can be explained and implemented in Phase III.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AVATAR Phase I & II Discussion 	All	The committee discussed for Phases I and II and provided ideas for engagement such as dual credit and the CCRS cross disciplinary standards.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Partnerships for Phase III 	Jean Keller	Jean Keller presented the current Phase III list of regional partners. She explained that several groups are still being formed and there will be 12 regional groups at the August meeting. The partnership agreement was reviewed and discussed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of the Partnership Agreement 	All	Committee members suggested inclusion of a more specific time commitments so partners have accurate expectations. The time commitments will be shared in the partnership agreement.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the visual representations 	Jean Keller	<p>Jean Keller presented to the committee a visual to represent vertical alignment process and the partners. Ideas were shared and discussed. Further work is needed to represent the AVATAR concept. It was suggested to explore software programs to assist the group in constructing a new visual.</p> <p>A triangle of AVATAR critical conversations was supported by the committee with modifications.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion of the TOT Agenda	All	<p>The TOT Agenda was supported by the committee with several suggestions. First, it was determined that the partnership agreement should be signed during the Vertical Alignment Partnerships portion of the agenda. The committee came to a consensus that the panels would be structured by the facilitators and questions and answers would be prepared in advance.</p>
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