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**AVATAR Training of Trainers Meeting Agenda**

**August 13, 2012**

Education Service Center Region XI

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Training of Trainers Meeting Objectives**

1. Regional vertical alignment partners (Independent School Districts (ISD), 2- and 4-year colleges, P-16 Councils, and Education Service Centers (ESC) leaders) will commit to the importance of secondary and postsecondary vertical alignment as a means to students’ college and career readiness and success.

2. Regional vertical alignment partners will understand how they are part of the AVATAR vertical alignment statewide network while working regionally and sharing statewide their vertical alignment outcomes and lessons learned.

3. Regional vertical alignment partners will be able to state their roles and responsibilities for vertical alignment related to the AVATAR process.

4. Regional vertical alignment partners will gain ideas and strategies to create an action plan to close secondary and postsecondary content and process curriculum gaps.

**Training of Trainers Meeting Schedule**

* 8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
* 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome and Introductions

 ***Judy Loredo****, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner of P-16 Initiatives,*

*Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)*

* 9:15 - 9:30 Introduction to AVATAR

 ***Jean Keller,*** *AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas*

* 9:30 - 9:45 Partnership Commitment and Agreement Signing
* 9:45 - 10:00 Norms Activity and Resources

 ***Chris Kanouse****, AVATAR Pilot Coordinator/Facilitator, Region 10, Education Service Center*

 ***Kathy Wright-Chapman****, AVATAR Pilot Coordinator/Facilitator, Region XI, Education Service Center*

* 10:00 - 10:45 Vertical Alignment Partnerships - Norms, Logistics, and Expectations

***Mary Harris****, AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas* - Panel Facilitator

 *Panel Members:*

***Brenda Hill****, Co-Director STEP Project, Stephen F. Austin University*

***Pam Campbell****, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships; Co-Coordinator, Houston Pathways Initiative, San Jacinto College*

 ***Kathy Wright-Chapman****, AVATAR Pilot Coordinator/Facilitator, Region XI, Education Service Center*

 ***Chris Kanouse****, AVATAR Pilot Coordinator/Facilitator, Region 10, Education Service Center*

* 10:45 - 11:00 BREAK
* 11:00 - 12:00 Data Sources for Vertical Alignment Partners

 ***Mary Harris****, AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas*

 *Consultants:*

***Mary Barton****, Director, Institutional Research, University of North Texas*

***Terri Day****, Executive Director, Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, Tarrant County College*

***Anne Rusher****, Director, Accountability and Data Quality, Fort Worth ISD*

* 12:00 - 12:45 LUNCH - *Special thanks to the AVATAR Advisory Committee Members and AVATAR Pilot Participants. Please enjoy lunch with them.*
* 12:45 - 1:45 Statewide Secondary and Postsecondary Curriculum and Standards; and Related Assessment Tools for College and Career Readiness

 ***Ed Vara****, Deputy Executive Director, Academic Services, ESC XIII*

***Barbara Lerner****, AVATAR Advisory Committee Member, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Partnership, Texas Woman’s University*

* 1:45 - 2:45 Regional Curriculum and Instructional Alignment: Critical Conversations, Intentional Interventions, and Benefits from Implementation

 ***Jean Keller****, AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas* - Panel Facilitator

 *Panel Members:*

 ***Pam Campbell,*** *Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships; Co-Coordinator, Houston Pathways Initiative, San Jacinto College* ***Catherine O’Brien,*** *Associate Vice Chancellor for Learning; Co-Coordinator, Houston Pathways Initiative, San Jacinto College*

 ***Shane Woods****, AVATAR Pilot Participant, Science Director,*

*Fort Worth Independent School District*

***Diana Mason,*** *AVATAR Pilot Participant, Chemistry Professor,*

*University of North Texas*

 ***Juan Barbarin-Castillo,*** *AVATAR Pilot Participant, Chemistry Professor, Tarrant College*

***Michelle Porter,*** *AVATAR Pilot Participant, Chemistry Teacher,*

*Dallas Independent School District*

* 2:45 - 3:00 BREAK
* 3:00 - 3:45 Reference Course Profiles and the Vertical Alignment Process

 ***Jean Keller,*** *AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas -* Panel

Facilitator

 *Panel Members:*

 ***Doris Rousey****, Executive Dean, Science and Mathematics, Brookhaven College*

 ***Kim James***, *English Professor, C.O.R.E. Program (CCR Initiatives) Coordinator, Cisco College*

 ***Patrice Phelan Lyke****, English Professor, University of North Texas*

* 3:45 - 4:30 Partnership’s Action Plans: Development and Sharing of Two Next Steps

 ***Regional Partnership Coordinator/Facilitator Sharing***

* 4:30 - 4:50 Debriefing and Supporting Your AVATAR Vertical Alignment Work

 ***Mary Harris****, AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas*

 ***Jean Keller****, AVATAR Co-Director, University of North Texas*

* 4:50 - 5:00 Evaluation

 ***Karin Samii-Shore,*** *Shore Research Inc.*