

Mid-term Status Report – May 2015 to March 2016

ESC Region \_\_17\_\_\_\_

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Due on or Before **April 15, 2016**

1. Members of Partnership
2. Please list all partnership team members (leaders in the organizations you are working with on alignment projects) by name, affiliation, title, email and phone number, or confirm that all are correctly listed on the AVATAR website by checking here. \_\_\_

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1. Please identify members of your active Vertical Alignment Teams (faculty and staff who are engaged in the actual alignment work) with name, affiliation, title, e-mail address, and phone number, or confirm that all are correctly listed on the AVATAR website by checking here. \_\_\_\_

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1. 2015-16 Goals of the Partnership. Please note any modifications from the Action Plan or indicate “none.”

1. Develop ISD, post-secondary, and workforce/ P-16 partnerships appropriate to local endorsement options

2. Facilitate offering and documentation of College Preparatory Courses (CPCs) of the partnership

3. Deepen vertical alignment of the ELA and Math offerings of ISD and post-secondary partners

1. Status of Plan of Work

Please list the objectives associated with your 2015-16 goals in the table below and state the activities that have taken place since December 31, 2015, to further each objective. State the results of each activity and any follow-up actions required to meet your objective.

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| Objectives | Activities | Results/Impact and Follow-up Anticipated |
| 2, 3 | February 17, 2016  Meeting for Vertical Alignment Partners/Teams | Math VAT completed work online resource available in a LiveBinder; Discussion of College Prep Courses to develop information brochure for districts; Planned next meeting date; Discussion with TTU about possibility of new MOU |
| 2 | March 22, 2016  TxEIS Workshop | Discussed importance of coding of College Prep courses and how they can be used for credit by students |
| 2 | March – April 2016  Development of College Prep Coding Documents | College Prep Coding Document for individual students to be used by districts; College Prep Coding spreadsheet for multiple students to be used by districts |

1. What are the major challenges or obstacles you have encountered since December, 2015, and what have you done to overcome them?

We still see a lack of understanding by teachers assigned to teach the College Prep courses of what the actual intent and purpose of the courses to be. Hopefully the informational document we are developing will help to eliminate some confusion and misunderstandings. It also seems be due in part to lack of communication between administration, counselors and teachers at the individual districts. Myself and my co-worker, Shauna Lane, will continue to inform counselors, teachers and administrators about the College Prep courses at trainings scheduled for May 13, 2016 and July 22, 2016.

At our last meeting we revisited the possibility of an MOU with Texas Tech University. This is still in the works but will be reviewed by Texas Tech personnel this summer. The additional MOU with TTU would give students another option, as we do have many that attend the University.

1. What are the dates of your major upcoming events if not stated in the table above?

April 18, 2016 VAT Team/Partner Meeting

June 13, 2016 HB 5 Update Workshop (will include College Prep Courses)

July 22, 2016 HB 5 for New Counselors, Administrators and Teachers Workshop (will include College Prep Courses)

September 2016 (exact date to be determined) Training for College Prep teachers (math and ELA)  
 After polling districts and teachers, the only college that our schools currently have an MOU with is not going to offer summer and fall trainings but only offer a fall training at the beginning of the school year.