Region 3 Education Service Center

**A**cademic **V**ertical **A**lignment **T**raining **a**nd **R**enewal (AVATAR) Meeting Summary

12/9/14

In attendance: Dr. Patty Shafer, Executive Director, Region 3 ESC

Charlotte Baker, Deputy Director, Region 3 ESC

Nan Gainer, Curriculum and Instruction Director, Region 3 ESC

Dr. Twila Johnson, Dean of Academics, Coastal Bend College

Mary Kay Best, Math Coordinator, Coastal Bend College

Babette Lowe, Dean Academic Foundations& Student Success, Victoria College

Gayle Parenica, Curriculum & Instruction Specialist / Student Accountability, Region 3 ESC

Cheryl Shamburger, Career & Technical Education Specialist, Region 3 ESC

Mary Lea Pfenninger, Gifted/Talented Specialist / Advanced Academics, Region 3 ESC

**AVATAR Grant Requirement Needs:**

One **V**ertical **A**lignment **T**eam for ELA and one for Math (VAT)

Team must include 1 ISD, 1 two year college representative, one 4 year college

representative, and P-16 Council Representative.

**Needs from Higher Education for ESC**

* Professional development for HS teachers to prepare to teach at level commensurate with college level expectations
* Data collection and analysis
* Creation of brochure for parents and students for counselors
* Counselors to attend next meeting

**Needs from ESC for Higher Education**

* Contact information for a math as well as a ELA representative for the VAT
* Each institution’s list of ISD’s who have MOU’s with the institution
* Course syllabi for the Math and ELA college preparatory courses