

Managing and Leading Large Consortia

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 - Topical webinars on existing and new solutions
 - Live/recorded with attendee Q&A
 - Identify and document best practices
 - Host convenings



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- A. I am involved with an NSF grant
- B. I am involved with a TAACCCT grant
- C. Both
- D. Neither



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Setting the Context

- Consortia consist of more colleges and are awarded more funds in general because they propose to have a larger impact than any single institution
- Two large consortia, led simultaneously:
 National Convergence Technology Center NSF Center (National CTC)
 - National Information, Security, and Geospatial Technologies DOL Consortium (NISGTC)



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The National Information, Security & Geospatial Technologies Consortium Map



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- Used subaward mechanism
- \$4.4 million



- 7 partners in 6 states
- All partners were cograntees
- \$20 million
- Total participants:
 6,201

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Overlapping Discipline Areas - Prime Opportunity for Leveraging

- National CTC Networking infrastructure and Communications
- NISGTC
 - Networking
 - Cybersecurity
 - Programming
 - Geospatial Technologies









Health Professions Pathways Consortium (H2P)

- 9 Community Colleges, 5 States
- \$19.6 Million Round 1
- 6500 participants
- Over 200 Employer Partners
- Scaling in Process White House Health Pathways Initiative

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Challenge/Opportunity: The Lead College is Responsible for Everything but may or may not Have Real Control







Memoranda of Understanding

- Memoranda of Understanding "MOU" are required
- Getting them signed with colleges are across the nation with different state and college rules is time-consuming
- Each MOU was "one off" exercise



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MOU Requirements

- Must list what each college committed to do in a Statement of Work
- Must include
 - a timeline for each activity
 - a budget
 - how to submit programmatic reports and financial reports, including due dates
 - programmatic and financial contacts for both the lead and the consortium partner





Other Start-up Challenges

- Understanding the funding opportunities and details of the Grant Agreement (in great detail)
- Setting up Evaluation Protocols
- Establishing grant policies and procedures and beginning program/operations procedures manual





Challenge/Opportunity: Regular Communication With All Consortium Leads is Required But is Not Enough









Communication

- Sharing partner progress and communicating compliance news
- Keeping project leads informed and their keeping their staff informed is requisite
- Communication Approaches
 - Frequent webinars/teleconferences
 - Annual (or more often) Face to Face meetings improve overall communication
- Communication venues: Basecamp, communities of practice/learning networks, trainings





Communication

- Branding your program: internally and externally
- Finalizing program operations/procedures manual





Meetings Must Be Documented

- Recordings that are held and made available
- Minutes made available on a shared site such as Basecamp







Communication with Key External Partners

- Engaging with strategic employers
- Partnering with community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Understanding the nuts-and-bolts of the workforce system – WIA funding, WIBs, One Stop Centers
- Connecting with TAA coordinators to understand the nuances of the program



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Challenge/Opportunity: Consortium Partners Sometimes do not Deliver on Commitments in a Timely Manner







Approaches To Promote Performance

- Meetings with Consortium partner administration (Deans, VP's, Presidents)
- Dash boards
- Project plans with monthly status meetings
- Site visits by lead college





Comments



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Questions?







Challenge/Opportunity: Sustainability Cannot be an Afterthought







Sustainability

- From the start identify pieces of the grant that have potential for sustaining and gather data to create evidence of sustainability
- Review the data, transformation and potential implications
- Seek new opportunities to replicate
 - Diversify funding sources and don't forget institutionalization



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Challenge/Opportunity: Data Collection and Reporting







Data Collection and Reporting

- •Who owns it?
- Protocol
- Working definitions
- Integration with college system

- UI wage data for some grants
- Validation and accuracy
- Scorecards:
 - Reflect, plan, strategize and provide technical
 - assistance







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Challenge/Opportunity: Evaluation and Monitoring







Evaluation/Monitoring

- Consortium oversight and technical assistance
- Third party evaluation
- Subject-matter experts
- Granting agency technical assistance and monitoring visits





Challenge/Opportunity: The Lead Celebrates Successes (and Lessons Learned) From Consortium Work, but all Members Contribute







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Dastrup says the free e-books that he put together are more dynamic than typical textbooks because of the embedded interactive technologies and up-to-date content he included. They are compatible with mobile devices, and are used in face-to-face, flipped, blended hybrid, and

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did not cover students' tuition or books. With the program's focus on unemployed and underemployed adults, Dastrup began to create alternatives to expensive textbooks and other educational resources. He believes that the cost of traditional textbooks are becoming an cost of traditional revisions are occounting economic impediment for many students.

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