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Executive Director's Report

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News

ScholarPort

- Two more courses have been added to ScholarPort. We now have Algebra I, Algebra II, Physics, Geometry and Biology.
- Baldwin-Whitehall School District in Pittsburgh has signed a ScholarPort agreement to implement in the fall and is the first district from outside the CAIU footprint to participate.
- ScholarPort is a digital resource to aid teachers in blending technology into the classroom. ScholarPort's vision is to support a 21st century learning environment through the creation and distribution of digital resources, best practices, professional development and ongoing support

Hosted Voice Over IP Systems (VoIP)

- As we add more technology services to the existing RWAN, we are now hosting phone systems for school districts. This enables school districts to utilize the existing WAN connection to save costs as well as allows the district technology staff more time to focus on the students and staff.
- We are currently installing a Cisco hosted VoIP solution for Upper Dauphin School District.

AgendaManager

- We have been listening to district feedback and have been developing features in AgendaManager that will enhance communication and collaboration within your district.
- A major new release of AgendaManager will be announced soon and implemented in the fall. This new release will have many features that have been requested by districts.
- In addition, we will be rolling out our first iPad app of AgendaManager. Many districts have staff that are using iPads when attending meetings.

CAPP (Capital Area Partial Program)

- We received the summary report of the recent audit of our CAPP (Capital Area Partial Program) program and classes; we received a very positive report, no corrective actions needed. The overall score was a 77 which compares very favorably to the network average of 69. There were specific comments about our improvements in documentation as well as our strong collaboration and communication with agencies and families.
- Capital Area Partial Program (CAPP) is a mental health treatment modality, which includes psychiatric, psychological, social and vocational elements under medical



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supervision. It is designed to benefit children and adolescents with moderate to severe mental or emotional disorders and autism. Clients are admitted to the program via an interagency process.

EARLY INTERVENTION ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY FEDERAL GRANT

- We are participating as a supporter in an early intervention assistive technology federal grant application that is being submitted by Temple University. If awarded, this will support the work we had begun with the ARRA assistive technology grant that increased staff and student use of assistive technology and supported the creation of our lending library.

ELECT/EFI Grant

- The Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT/EFI) Grant renewed for 2012-2015. Our grant application was also considered to be one of the best submitted and we were asked to share it with another IU for them to use as a model for their submission.
- The ELECT program is designed to meet the challenging needs of pregnant and parenting teens both male and female. The program encourages and provides support to the students enabling them to earn a diploma or GED certificate, become better parents and make the transition to employment or higher education.

E.SP 2012

- On July 17th The Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the Pennsylvania Association of Educational Office Professionals (PAEOP) offered an innovative one-day workshop dubbed, *E.SP 2012 – Are You in the Know?*, geared toward Educational Office Support Professionals.
- 82 Educational Office Professionals participated in small group sessions offered by 10 different presenters. Attendees also had the opportunity to participate in roundtable discussions with their peers. At the end of the day the workshop was topped off by a Zumba class for anyone wanting to participate.
- CAIU and PAEOP recognized this need, and collaborated to produce a workshop that was designed to provide the tools, resources, and professional development guidance to aid in the career goals of all Educational Office Support Professionals.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Met with the Superintendent Retreat Committee to plan for the 2012-2013 Conferences in September and March
- Attended the 16th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament
- As regional representative for PASA's Women's Caucus, I have been meeting with PDE to plan Oct. 29th Regional meeting
- Met with Janis Macut, new board representative from Central Dauphin
- Met with representatives from superintendents and board presidents group to discuss ways to work together for benefit of all
- Welcomed E.SP workshop members