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Acting Executive Director's Report February 24, 2011

NEWS

Nine CAIU staff members, Cindy Mellott, Cheryl Park, Beth Light, Kelli Garis, Tracy Geist, Tracey Hipple, Jill Johnson, Ann Vacchiano, and Kathy Brechbiel, are part of a 136-person team called the Krazy Kellys, named in honor of Cindy's daughter. Each year the team takes the "plunge" into the icy Susquehanna River to raise money for Special Olympics PA Area M. The Polar Bear Plunge took place on City Island on Saturday, February 5. The team raised \$34,015.94, exceeding their goal of \$30,000. A very warm thank you goes to all the "plungers" and also to those who supported the team through donations.



Each year, the CAIU administrative cabinet visits with eight of our school districts. This month we visited with Harrisburg's administrative team. These visits provide us with an opportunity to share information about the CAIU services, ask for feedback about our services, and discuss other possibilities for services. This information is then used as we review our current services and plan for changes within our programs/services.

On February 9, superintendents of our school districts and directors of the vocational technical schools attended the Capital Region Partnership for Career Development (PCD) luncheon which highlighted career exploration activities occurring in our districts. A career development gallery and panel discussion featured local high school students sharing their involvement with different career exploration opportunities and the impact these experiences have on their post-secondary decisions. A recent graduate and a participating employer shared an example of an opportunity through an apprenticeship program. The keynote speaker for this event was David Schankweiler, Publisher, CEO and owner of Journal Publications, Inc.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- The second of three New Federal Program Coordinators' training sessions was held here at the CAIU on February 17. Nearly 60 coordinators from the Central Pennsylvania region participated in this training. I am one of ten trainers for the PDE Division of Federal Programs who provide these training sessions annually. Trainings are held three times per year, September, February, and May.



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- I organized and facilitated the annual Nonpublic Title I Consultation meeting held on behalf our districts and nonpublic schools. Public school districts are required to consult with nonpublic school administrators regarding Title I services provided for children attending nonpublic schools. Since many school districts work with multiple nonpublic schools, this meeting provides an opportunity for districts to meet with several nonpublic school representatives at one time instead of traveling to each individual school.
- Cheryl Giles Rudawski, principal at CASA, Anne Alsedak, Program Director, Rose Hoopes, Secretary, and I met with representatives from the Center for Safe Schools, Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and Exelon Nuclear to complete a Table Top Exercise in preparation for the full-scale Radiological Emergency Response Plan exercise planned for April 12, 2011. Our Capital Area School for the Arts location will be evaluated during this exercise.
- Joe Fay, CAIU teacher at Diakon, and Phyllis Brown, CAIU social worker, are completing practicum activities to fulfill administrative certificate requirements. I continue to provide both employees with support through their required activities and feedback to their Shippensburg University professors.

Upcoming Activities:

- Will attend the PAIU Central Region Executive Directors' meeting in State College on February 25.
- Will attend PAIU Monthly Executive Directors' Meeting on March 3-4.
- Bobbi Ely, accountant, and I will meet with Bureau and Division Directors at PDE to plan implementation of the requirements for Chapter 49 review. The CAIU is the fiscal agent for this project.
- The Superintendents' Spring Conference will be held at Bedford Springs on March 29-31.
- Several Cabinet visits with our districts' administrative teams are planned over the next two months.
- Several of our districts will be involved in Federal Program monitoring during March and April. I will provide supporting documentation to each district and be available to answer questions regarding the implementation of the Title I nonpublic services.
- Will attend the third session of the Leadership for Teaching Course provided through Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators on March 9.
- The CAIU will be one of the host sites for the "Fiscal Reality Series." This five-session course, offered through Penn State University, will focus on maintaining quality education while navigating rough financial times. The first session begins on February 24.