

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**ESU 13 ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

**Due to the Coronavirus (COVID 19), this meeting was held by videoconference.**

**No Round Table Discussion for April**

**10:00 AM - Regular Meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Troy Unzicker, Dr. Evelyn Browne, Dr. Travis Miller, Dr. Caroline Winchester, Kirk Hughes, Patrick Ningen, Jess Underwood, Bob Hastings, Lori Liggett, Russell Lechtenberg, Charles Isom, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Chris Geary, Tim Cody, Dr. Kathy Urbanek, Joe Sherwood, Adam Patrick, Rick Myles, Jay Ehler, Dr. Brett Gies, Don King-CSC, Dr. Carmen Simone-WNCC.

**Absent:** Chuck Lambert

**Welcome and Introductions:** Guests: Dr. Cinde Wendell - NCSA, Ginger Meyer - Chadron Public Schools Superintendent 2020-2021.

**Superintendent's Items for Discussion** - none

**Proposed Menu of Services:** Dr. Dick entertained a motion to approve ESU 13's 2020-2021 Menu of Services. The motion was moved by Dr. Travis Miller, Bayard Public Schools and seconded by Kirk Hughes, Crawford Public Schools. Motion approved.

**Administrator's Report**

- Update on proposed Day Treatment/Day School Program - ESU 13 is targeting November 1st as the first day for students. Work is being done to secure a location and to hire staff. The Interlocal Agreement was drafted by Jerry Ostdiek, Attorney, and shared with Superintendents.
- Dr. Katie Carrizales - Dr. Carrizales gave an overview of the Day Treatment's vision to provide accessibility and a higher level of care to students in our districts. With thanks to Senator Stinner and the Sherwood Foundation, we are planning, hiring and continuing to research revenue sources. Dr. Carrizales

explained the entrance criteria for students after three tiers of support have been utilized. Program rates and funding options were presented. George Schlothauer will be the Principal of the Program. Dr. Pam Brezenski will be involved in the Special Education part of the program. In addition, other ESU Directors will have a role in the leadership of this program.

Power Point link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BSJkudJ4tj3urbMK93ddbZz1UJWJvS1-/view?usp=sharing>

Dr. Dick will send out the current draft of the interlocal agreement to all superintendents.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee (Rick Myles, Jay Ehler, Joe Sherwood, Jess Underwood, and Brett Gies) was scheduled, however, due to COVID-19, it was cancelled. This will be rescheduled for a later date.

There is a new ESUCC Facebook page to help get the word out about what ESUs can provide.

Congratulations and best wishes for those retiring or leaving the area: Dr. Winchester, Dr. Elizabeth Owens, Bob Hastings, and Kirk Hughes.

## **COVID-19**

ESU Administrators are meeting twice a week with representatives from NDE. NDE would like a list of the top Rule 10 issues that could be included in one waiver. Dr. Dick will create a Google Doc for superintendents to add their issues.

Dr. Gies is seeking ideas from other superintendents regarding what we have done and where we are going. Discussion took place regarding graduation guidance, remote learning, school in the Fall scenarios.

ESU 13 will organize committees that would include representation of elementary, secondary, smaller schools, larger schools, etc.

Julie Newman, WNCC, reported students are continuing dual credit classes. Districts are using virtual meetings to have her meet with students about dual credit classes. Unfortunately, some of the classes are on hold due to the “hands on” part of the class. If

there are new teachers coming in who are interested in teaching dual credit classes, please contact her. If there are concerns regarding grading, please contact her.

Dr. Simone, President, WNCC - If you need resources, please feel free to reach out to WNCC for support.

Dr. Don King, CSC - Dr. King thanked everyone who contributed to CSC's accreditation review which was successful. Please reach out to him if CSC can offer any support during this COVID-19 crisis. NDE has approved hours for student teachers who have been working this spring. They will be fully certificated and looking for jobs.

Additional Director Comments:

Dr. Pam Brezenski - Peak Grant has approved Adobe signage for the grant. She will send the signature page to them next week.

Jadie - A flyer for Summer Courses for continuing education hours offered over Zoom will be sent out tomorrow.

Danielle Cole - Title 1C program can help families who need food over the summer. Our usual summer school will not be taking place. Title 1C will partner with VALTS to offer credit recovery classes over the Summer.

Nici Johnson - The new Head Start 5 year grant was approved.

For additional highlights from ESU 13 Departments, please see the Director's Notes section at the end of the agenda.

**END OF MINUTES**