

NC PSE Alliance

North Carolina Postsecondary Education Alliance

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Alliance Meeting:

Tuesday

October 1

12noon-3pm

LIGHT LUNCH

CIDD-UNC

Carrboro, NC

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2nd Annual PSE Capacity-Building Summit: Leading the Way Summit Day 1 Highlights

Representative Verla Insko was recognized by UNCG Vice-Chancellor **Terri Shelton**, on behalf of the NC PSE Alliance. **Rep. Insko** was honored for her “vision, commitment, and action to assure higher education as an option for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in North Carolina.” **Rep. Insko** spoke about the importance of ongoing initiatives in North Carolina to support PSE for individuals with I/DD.

Read more about Representative Verla Insko here: [UNCG Spotlight: Honoring Rep. Insko](#)



Stephan Hamlin-Smith, executive director of [AHEAD](#) kicked off the summit with his inspiring keynote speech on equity through postsecondary education for students with I/DD.

Monday’s six breakout sessions covered a range of topics including beginning transition planning in middle school, engaging families in planning and supporting PSE opportunities, enlisting champions, discovering avenues for advocacy and support in your community, planning change in the community college system, and learning from PSE success stories. [Access presentations here.](#)

A reception closed the successful first day. Attendees enjoyed networking and learn more about the 9 PSE options in North Carolina. The reception featured recording artist **Chris Hendricks**. Learn more about his music and the story behind it on his band’s website www.chrishendricksband.com



Rep. Verla Insko and Stephan Hamlin-Smith

Summit Day 2 Highlights

Tuesday morning began with a **networking breakfast for PSE students and PSE graduates** to meet and share their unique postsecondary experiences.

The **Student Reflection Panel**, hosted by **Kerry Hagner**, 2011-2012 CIDD LEND Self-Advocate trainee, gave attendees insight from the student perspective about personal experiences with postsecondary education. PSE student representatives included **Alex McCourt** of Beyond Academics at UNCG, **Kenneth Kelty** of University Participant at WCU, and **Maranda Seagle** of Accessible College Experiences at WPCC.

Cate Weir, project coordinator of [Think College](#) at UMASS-Boston, gave Tuesday's keynote, "**PSE Successes Through national standards.**" Cate provided examples of how standards can guide PSE development, applying [quality indicators and benchmarks](#) for inclusive higher education.



Terri Shelton, BA- UNCG;
Cate Weir, [Think College](#)

During Tuesday's lunch, a panel provided "**An Introduction to Policies that Affect PSEs**" in North Carolina and answered questions about Certified Transition Programs, the Employment First Policy, and policies at the university and community college level. Panelists included **Kelly Kelley**, University Participant at WCU; **Sandy Ellsworth**, NC DMH/DD/SAS; **Terri Shelton**, Beyond Academics at UNCG; and **Daphne Martin**, Accessible College Experiences at WPCC.

Presenters for "**How-to**" **breakout sessions** offered a variety of topics including the how to maintain success in college and beyond from a student perspective, how to provide education coaching and peer support, how to collaborate with employment and career outcomes, and how to

PSE Summit Capacity-Building Feedback and Evaluation

- ◇ **100% of participants** who responded gave overall Summit rating as excellent/very good.
- ◇ **98%** - Value of the Summit experience was excellent/very good.
- ◇ **BEST FEATURES LISTED:** networking, student panel, **Chris Hendricks**, planning in regions, cost, student-led portions
- ◇ **RECOMMENDATIONS:** involve high schools, more parent/family involvement, increase regional focus; offer more for community colleges.
- ◇ **TOP-RATED SESSIONS:** **Joan Johnson/Monica Isbell**—PSE Pioneers; **Mary Todd Allen**—Transition Begins in Middle School;



Planning Committee:
Joan Johnson, Donna Yerby,
Terri Shelton, Deb Zuver

"I learned so much about changing our mindsets..."

Plans Made Across the State: PSE PATH-Planning at the Summit—Two Examples

Western region PSE PATH Planning Activity



EAST :: College of the Albemarle — Planning is underway for PACE, pathway to an accessible college experience in the fall.

WEST :: Mayland College — A team is exploring next steps toward a PSE pilot

Announcements—PSE Alliance 4-23-13

- ◆ **Nance Longworth:** Bill 646 is in the Rules & Operations Committee of the NC Legislature. Review for possible impact for PSEs?
- ◆ **Kelly Bohlander:** NC Council on Developmental Disabilities funds Partners in Policymaking; opportunity for PSE grads? Inclusion Institute at FPG *Opening Doors to Inclusion*—May 13-15 inclusioninstitute.fpg.unc.edu
- ◆ **Melody Schwantes:** SDAP at App State adds 4 students; 3 from out-of-state. Welcome to **Anna Ward**, new director of SDAP.
- ◆ **Donna Yerby:** College Access Challenge Grant made the Summit possible; submitting application for 2014.
- ◆ **Renate Macchirole:** PACE at College of the Albemarle to be an accessible college experience; students can earn certificates (health, early childhood, pool and spa) collaborate with businesses, enjoy a well-rounded education, including the arts. There is interest in starting a theatre group.
- ◆ **Robyn Dorton** – More awareness about PSE getting out to families: Announcements made at recent *First in Families* Conference.
- ◆ **Seb Prohn**– Three University Participant students at Western Carolina U. graduate this May. For the first time, they will walk with all graduates.
- ◆ **Freda Lee**—The new director of Exceptional Education at the NC Department of Public Instruction is William Hussey as of June 1.
- ◆ **Daphne Martin**— Idea to brainstorm a document to guide PSE planning through steps to approach administration, answer questions, and present proposed PSE based on experiences and communicating with other community colleges. Mayland and Isothermal CCs particularly interested.
- ◆ **Duncan Munn**—Several presentations on PSE at FPG's Inclusion Institute' reaching those involved with early invention key to raising PSE awareness.

Fall NC PSEA Meeting:

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 :: Noon—3pm

Join us for a light lunch as we meet

At the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities :: Carrboro, NC

- ◆ **Focus on Employment:** Panel on New Developments in North Carolina
- ◆ **Updates:** PSE Development Underway: East and West
- ◆ **NC PSE Alliance:** Taking New Next Steps

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NC PSE Alliance: Possible Strategies...

...**Ellen Russell:** Increase family awareness and educate young families...**Matty Lazo-Chadderton:** Let's consider a focus on the 8 DPI regions...**Susan Lombardo:** Support legislative initiatives...**Duncan Munn:** Good opportunity to educate new general assembly members and find common ground...**Freda Lee:** Consider natural groupings to structure our efforts—for example, VR is grouped in three regions...**Kelly Bohlander:** Come up with a road map to build and customize next steps for planning a PSE...**Deb Zuver:** Linking with new employment efforts across NC is important...**Seb Prohn:** Identify someone to act as a coordinator—consulting with new PSEs at community colleges.

Summit Resources Available Online

Visit www.cidd.unc.edu/psea

- Review the PSE-Capacity Building Summit Program for access to:
 - Presenter Bios
 - Postsecondary Education Glossary
 - PSE PATH—Planning worksheet
- View and download Breakout and “How-to” Session PowerPoint Presentations
- Watch the Educational Coaching video created by Kerry Hagner, 2011-2012 LEND Self-Advocate and her educational coach, Megan Kovac, CIDD LEND Trainee 2011-2012

:: Check out: ‘UNCG Research’
Facebook page ::

Photos posted from PSE Capacity-
Building Summit

College Foundation of NC

www.cfnc.org

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Now: includes PSE listings, resources, information for students with IDD:

⇒ Click on “Students”

⇒ Scroll to “Students with Disabilities”