



President's Message

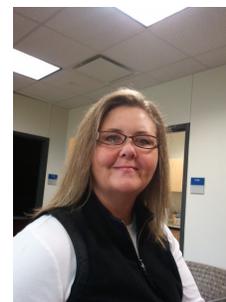
Spring is upon us, yet in some parts of the country we are still digging out from piles of snow, while others are enjoying the beautiful sunshine and some preparing for the heavy April rains. Regardless of where we may call home, the two things that always tie us together are education and healthcare. (cont'd on page 4)

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-Stacey Ocander, NN2 President



Spotlight on

Health Careers Pathways (H2P)



Consortium Grant Overview: On September 26, 2012 the Department of Labor awarded a \$19.6 grant to fund a Health Career Pathways initiative to 9 community colleges in 5 states. The grant was one of the largest ever awarded by the Department of Labor through a discretionary grant from the DOL Trade Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program with the aim of better preparing the target population of trade displaced and lower skilled workers, and other beneficiaries for high-wage, high-skill employment and ultimately increasing attainment of degrees, certificates and other industry recognized credentials. (cont'd on page 2)



H2P co-grantees:

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN

Ashland Community and Technical College, Ashland, KY

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, Cincinnati, OH

City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago, IL

El Centro College, Dallas, TX

Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY

Owens Community College, Perrysburg, OH

Pine Technical College, Pine City, MN

Texarkana College, Texarkana, TX

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Spotlight on (cont'd)

The H2P Consortium is led by Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and is comprised of 9 community college co-grantees (see page 1) and 4 partner organizations. In addition, the consortium colleges partner with local employers, community and workforce agencies.

The H2P is working collaboratively via sharing best practice, building upon unique skills and learning and accessing rich resources provided by national consulting partners and technical assistance specialists to dramatically improve health professions training via career pathways and the development of core curriculum and core credentials. To achieve these goals, H2P colleges are replicating a comprehensive model of best practices centered on a career pathways framework and competency-based core curriculum. Strategies have been developed in eight core areas to frame H2P efforts.

H2P Core Strategies

1. *Online assessment and career guidance*
2. *Contextualized developmental education*
3. *Competency-based core curriculum*
4. *Industry-recognized stackable credentials*
5. *Career guidance and retention support*
6. *Training programs for incumbent healthcare workers*
7. *Enhanced data and accountability systems*
8. *Galvanize a national movement: "Achieving a National Consensus on Core Curricula in Health Professions"*

To learn more about H2P and the TAACCCT Grant, click [here](#).

H2P Partners:

I-Seek – Promoting implementation of
Virtual Career Network for co-grantees

Office of Community College Research and
Leadership (OCCRL) - Grant Evaluator

Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM
(TIES) - Technical Assistance Provider

National Network of Health Career Programs
in Two-Year Colleges (NN2)

National Association of Workforce Boards
(NAWB)

Hipcricket – Text Messaging/
Communication Provider



The H2P National Advisory Council will meet Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Omaha, NE at the Hotel Deco XV before the annual NN2 Conference (see page 3 for details on conference).

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The 2013 Annual NN2 Conference is being held at the beautiful [Hotel Deco XV](#) in Omaha, Nebraska's historic downtown area October 2-4, 2013. The focus of this year's meeting is "Unearthing transformational strategies for improving health professional education." With invited and proposed speakers, exhibits and numerous networking opportunities, this is one conference you won't want to miss. Bring your family and make it a fun family getaway; explore Omaha's world-class [Henry Doorly Zoo](#), stroll the nearby historic Old Market, where you'll find unique shopping and fabulous dining, or just relax and enjoy the ambiance at the AAA 4-Diamond [Hotel Deco XV](#), a luxurious boutique hotel.

Register Now for the 2013 Annual NN2 Conference

For more information on the conference, click [here](#). For information on Omaha, go to www.visitomaha.com. To reserve a room at the Hotel Deco XV, call 866-475-3326, or visit www.hoteldecoomaha.com. Be sure to mention NN2 for special rate.

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The 26th Annual NN2 Conference

October 2-4, 2013

Omaha, Nebraska

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Registration information coming soon!



2013 NN2 Annual Conference Oct 2-4, Omaha, NE

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The National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges is an organization composed of health education leaders from across the nation from two-year colleges. We are dedicated to:

- Promoting and encouraging innovation, collaboration, cooperation, and communication with two-year colleges sponsoring health career programs
- Developing new leaders in health career education
- Expressing and advocating the interests of health career programs in two-year colleges (i.e., accreditation issues, practice issues, federal policy issues, etc.)
- Working collaboratively with other professional communities of interest to further policy related to health career education and higher education in general.

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President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

Using one of my grandmother's favorite phrases, "If I had a dollar"...well, if I had a dollar for every time someone asked me what 'you healthcare people' are doing about 'that Affordable Healthcare no insurance thingie' I could pay for everyone to attend the NN2 National Conference this year!! These comments got me thinking that there are so many things each of us does every day to advocate for our schools, students, professions, and healthcare as a whole that it is not something we do, but rather part of who we are as healthcare providers and educators.

As President of NN2, I am so fortunate to get to attend meetings all over the country and advocate on behalf of healthcare programs in two-year colleges. It is amazing to hear that the majority of innovative and sustainable practices originate in our member colleges where you are the leaders. The Health Professions Pathway (H2P) Consortium grant consisting of 9 Community Colleges representing 5 states is working to improve education and training in healthcare for a wide group of individuals in much needed healthcare positions. Cincinnati State Technical & Community College serves as the lead college on this grant (see article p.1). Ivy Tech Community College-Northwest was recently selected to join the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program, a national effort to train 10,000 baby boomers for new jobs in healthcare, education and social services.

Ivy Tech is one of 17 colleges recently selected for the program sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC). These are just 2 of the many contributions your efforts have made to our profession.

So, the next time you wish you had a dollar for every time someone asked you what 'you healthcare people' are doing about 'that Affordable Healthcare no insurance thingie'...remember to share the great projects and innovative practices you are part of each day.

All my best,

Stacey Ocander, EdD
President, NN2

We encourage submissions to the NN2 newsletter related to health career education and training. Articles may be submitted to: lleach@mccneb.edu.

Getting to know...



Sondra A. Flemming, M.S., R.N.

- Past President of NN2 (1997-1998)
- Vice President Health/Economic Development, El Centro Community College, Dallas, TX
- Collects Santa Claus Christmas puzzles
- Favorite quote: "We probably wouldn't worry about what people think of us if we could know how seldom they do" - Olin Miller

Did you know...

We have **JOB POSTINGS** at www.nn2.org? Click [here](#) to see the latest postings and stay ahead of the game.