P20 Gap Analysis Alignment Team Meeting
October 29, 2009
Kansas State Department of Education Building

Members present: Gary Alexander, Andy Anderson, Chele Behrens, Marti Crow, Linn Exline, Cindy Couchman, Diane DeBacker, Estela Gavosto, Larry Gould, Phillip Marzluf, Thad Russell, Kris Shaw, Jack Wempe, Mike Koehler, Kathy Malone, Ed Raines, Mike Valdivia, John Yoder

Guests present: Tom Foster, Christine Tell

Diane DeBacker and Gary Alexander welcomed the Gap Analysis Alignment Team members. Members introduced themselves to the group.

Diane and Gary outlined the scope of the work which includes:
Working with Christine Tell of Achieve, Inc. to complete a gap analysis of the current Kansas high school curricular standards in mathematics (2003) and reading (2003) and writing (2004) as compared with the Common Core Standards for College and Career Readiness in Mathematics and Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening (September 2009 draft). Kansas postsecondary expectations for college and career readiness will be included in the gap analysis.

Christine Tell of Achieve, Inc. described the work of Achieve and the American Diploma Project. She then offered advice as to how to proceed with the gap analysis based upon the work of several other states. Considerable discussion took place as to how to gather information on college readiness in the areas of college algebra and composition. It was agreed that a survey should be sent to postsecondary institutions to gather this information. Gary and Diane will write the survey questions; Gary will send the survey to the institutes of higher education and compile the results.

The next meeting of the Gap Analysis Alignment Team will be on January 25, 2009.