

Presentation to the University of Alaska



ANSWERS: Alaska's Higher Education Commission Report on Education in Alaska
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Project Overview

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Objectives, slide 1

- ! Create secure, state longitudinal data system to provide critical information to Alaska's policymakers, educators, and general public about Alaska's education and workforce outcomes by linking existing cross-sector data, to evaluate:

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Objectives, slide 2

- ! Create reports, dashboards, and information products to provide timely, value-added information in audience-appropriate formats to better inform decision and policy-making, within specific parameters:
 - ! Relies on input from existing data systems
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Project Outcomes and Timeline

1. Planning and Preparation (complete) – July 2012 to June 2013
 2. Infrastructure (in progress) – July 2013 to September 2014
 3. Development (in progress) – March 2014 to March 2015
 4. Data Reporting (in progress) – May 2014 to April 2015
 5. Training/Professional Development – January 2015 to June 2015
 6. Sustainability – July 2014 to June 2015
- ! Dates are revised on a monthly basis based on project activities



Project Progress

Completion of Outcome 1 – Planning and Preparation

- ! Established and implemented governance structure
- ! Analysis of existing data systems
- ! Created stakeholder engagement and communication plan
- ! Proof-of-concept reports issued and stakeholder input gathered
- ! Developed business and technical requirements
- ! Partner agreement on system design, platform, and processes



Established in Governor's

! ! Executive Governance Board:

Executive authority and responsibility for ANSWERS

ANSWERS Governance Diagram



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Challenges and Opportunities - 1

! Sustainability

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Challenges and Opportunities - 2

- ! Public perception
 - ! Concern about potential misuse of data and sensitivity to big data
 - ! Policymaker interest in more access to data
- ! Stakeholder engagement
 - ! Stakeholders desire to expand data use and products
 - ! Stakeholders lack time/resources to provide detailed input and feedback



Grant Expenditures to Date (May 2014)

Budget Category	Actual Expenses	Remaining Budget	Total
Personnel	\$28,586!	\$364,144!	\$392,730!
Fringe Benefits	8,282!		



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Sustainability Plan



ANSWERS Cost Projections - 1

- ! Estimates based on current assumptions and information, to be refined over time
- ! Initial funding from Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC) as part of ACPE's operating budget



ANSWERS Cost Projections - 2

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ANSWERS Future Expansion Opportunities

- ! Potential phase II (post-grant) opportunities, based on expandable, scalable system design:
 - ! Additional data sources, uses and products
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ANSWERS Future Funding Opportunities

- ! Potential future grants
 - ! IES research grants
 - ! Proposed NCES FY15 SLDS grant
 - ! Partner pursuit of grant-funded projects utilizing ANSWERS data
 - ! Private grant opportunities
- ! Fee-for-service options
 - ! Fees for non-partner research access
 - ! Research and outcomes-measurement consulting



Questions and Comments

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Handouts

- ! Project summary:
<http://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/ANSWERS Project Summary.pdf>
- ! Policy questions:
<http://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/ANSWERS Policy Questions.pdf>
- ! ANSWERS notecard:
<http://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/OTHER/Pubs/ANSWERS Notecard.pdf>
- ! District feedback report:
<https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/Sample District Feedback Report.pdf>
- ! Interpreting the district feedback report:
<https://acpe.alaska.gov/Portals/0/Interpreting Feedback Report.pdf>

