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Center of Excellence August 2016 News

2016-17 WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS FOCUS AREAS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR STRATEGY, EDUCATION, INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOCUS:



The Center continues to work with the CTC HSEM career pathway programs to support the work of the colleges in “guided pathways” and “employers engagement” initiatives. The Center is working with proposed BAS degree programs in HSEM and Cybersecurity to identify internship and work experience opportunities around the state. Center staff have supported the Pierce HSEM AA degree and its collaborating colleges and helped BAS programs on developing internship requirements. We have talked with Russell Dorsey from the Next Steps Transitions Pathways program at Edmonds College about the Center’s Work Experience Marketplace. His job is to assist folks with a criminal record on finding ways to re-enter the workforce. Staff discussed ideas on what career paths might be open to these individuals especially if they had felonies on their record. The Center has revamped the scholarship section of our website to create a page where we can list the links to scholarships which will reduce the need to update the due dates on our site.

Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Course



Pierce College and staff from the Allied Health and HSEM Centers of Excellence hosted a two day FEMA funded workshop August 10 & 11 for over 65 hospitals and healthcare organizations. The training reviewed the fundamentals of disaster preparedness and recovery planning. There was no cost to participants and funding was from a FEMA training grant.



Denise Yochum, the Pierce College Ft. Steilacoom President, welcomed participants to the event and talked about the importance of health care professionals and organizations being trained and having plans to prepare for and recover from disasters. She talked briefly about the HSEM degree program and thanked the Centers of Excellence for helping to bring this important training to our region.

The Center has three board members participating, Mindi Mattson, Jennifer Lord and Patrick Knouff. “People are very excited about this training event” said Linda Crerar, COE Director and have requested that the training be offered again in 2017 in Yakima. We currently have an April date being negotiated with TEEX for the next MGT-341 and it will be at Yakima Valley College hosted by the COE for Allied Health.

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Applied Bachelor Programs

BAS Council/Conference – November 2 at South Seattle College

At the August 15, meeting of the State BAS Leadership and Management group it was announced that the BAS workgroup had become an official Council under the Instruction Commission. Linda Crerar who has been participating in the workgroup since its inception was asked to serve as the liaison for the Centers of Excellence to the BAS Leadership Council. Linda is also serving on the planning committee for this year's BAS Conference that will be held in November 2 at South Seattle College's Georgetown Campus.



We are very pleased to share an email between Lance James the Safety and Security Coordinator for Grays Harbor College and Jim Baylor one of our HSEM Education/Outreach Coordinators and Senior Fellow with our Center's HSEM Institute. Jim has the lead for the Center in our work related to school/campus and organizational safety and security. Jim was our lead for the Active Shooter training at an all campus day at Grays Harbor in February of this year. We received a follow up message from Lance James the Safety and Security Coordinator from Grays Harbor College this past month sent to Jim thanking he and our staff.

"I want to say again, how grateful I am to you and your staff for the presentation in February of this year. It has really start the ball rolling on some things that I have been working on. In June, we received a credible threat and had to evacuate the campus. Many came to me in the weeks that followed and specifically singled out that training as the reason they were calm and felt prepared during the incident. Now, the E-Team has authorized the purchase of 4 new cameras and we are awaiting their arrival. I, however, would like to push even further by soliciting grant money to aid in our surveillance and preparations. Do you know of any sources that I might tap into for funding?"

Lance L. James, Safety and Security Coordinator

Title IX Investigator

We would like to recognize the work of all of the staff and Board Members to assisted Jim with that training: Kellie Hale, Nancy Aird, Vickie Leighton, and Denise Vanderbilt is gratifying to know that the work of the College and our training team was useful when the college received a credible threat in June and had to evacuate the campus.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop – September 1

THIS IS NOT A TACTICAL TRAINING COURSE

[Agenda](#)

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Given today's ever-changing threat environment, preparing for and training employees to cope with workplace violence should be a key piece of an organization's incident response planning.

Date: September 1, 2016

Location: Pierce College Puyallup
College Center Building, Dining Commons
1601 39th Avenue S.E.
Puyallup, WA 98374

Registration for this event is free. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration closes August 29, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. (EDT). Limited seating is available



In addition to the training grant for the Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations the Center worked with Pierce College in order to be able to offer a unique training opportunity with the National Protection and Programs Directorate Office. This training opportunity will have the Center and Pierce College work with DHS to host a one-day Security Workshop to enhance awareness of, and response to, an active shooter event. This "Active Shooter Preparedness Workshop" will take place at Pierce College Puyallup on September 1, and is one of five (5) locations selected nationally to build emergency planning capabilities. The event is open and free 150 private, public and non-profit organizations.



Presented by:
Center of Excellence—Homeland Security Emergency Management
When: October 5, 2015
Where: Lakewood Gardens; Lakewood, WA 98499
Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Registration for this event is free. [Click here to register](#)

Erika Koss, Assistant Dean, College of Social Sciences & Humanities at Northeastern University in Boston, MA and Natasha Frost, PH.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Students and Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from NEU will be the featured speakers at this year's Women in Leadership Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to help women identify what their strengths are as leaders, where they want to go in terms of education and career, and help them find and follow their dreams and goals. It is important for attendees to walk away with an understanding of the significance of creating strong and dynamic relationships and collaborations with both women and men. A mentorship program will also help match experienced professions with mentees in the six HSEM career pathway fields.