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

Grays Harbor Leadership Days - Center Director presented at this year's Greater Grays Harbor's "Leadership Grays Harbor" professional development Final session. The 30 participant are existing leaders in the county's area businesses. This session was held at Grays Harbor Community Hospital (West Campus). The topic of the session is Community Health and Safety and the Center will discuss statewide emergency management and the role the Center of Excellence plays.

Homeland Security-Emergency Management Simulation Center – Pierce College will be offering (when all state and NW Commission approvals are completed) a Bachelor of Applied Science online degree in Homeland Security-Emergency Management (HSEM) in the coming year. The Center and College submitted a Work Force grant that would have supported the College in establishing a HSEM Simulation Center which would allow statewide CTC programs, colleges and schools, businesses and industry to master their incident management skills safely in real-world environments. This unique approach blends traditional instruction with high-tech simulation. The simulator allows participation on line as well as in person to learn how to handle some of the most difficulty scenarios through realistic simulation. Course offering would include Incident Command Leadership Education, Active Shooter Awareness and Response, Emergency Operation Plan Testing and Evaluation, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery as well as severe weather, hazmat, fire, and other disasters and emergencies.



Center staff supported the Allied Health Center of Excellence to host their Allied Health & Human Service Faculty Innovation for Student Success

Conference, June 3, at the Pacific Tower, Panoramic Center at Seattle Central College. The Center distributed information on emergency management careers in the healthcare field. The Center in collaboration with Allied Health COE is researching the establishment of a stackable certificate in Emergency Management Healthcare which could be offered as part of the HSEM Degree Program.



The Center of Excellence collaborated with the HSEM statewide AA degree program, the University of Washington's Center for Collaborative Systems for Security, Safety and Regional Resilience (CoSSaR) and Washington's Emergency Management Department's (EMD) Cascadia Exercise Team to design an intensive 10 week on-line exercise/observer training course for the state's Cascadia Rising Exercise (Cascadia Rising Exercise). The exercise scenario simulated a 9.0 magnitude earthquake occurring on the Cascadia subduction zone and roughly 20,000 people from federal, state and local organizations in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, along with tribal governments practiced their respective response actions together. Nancy Aird, a 2016 HSEM graduate worked with the Center and HSEM Degree Program Manager, Bob Lord, to coordinate student training and site placement. Six (6) HSEM students

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joined in this full scale exercise which took place on June 7 through 10. “The exercise allowed students to gain a real world perspective on the challenging issues they will face as future emergency managers following an earthquake,” said Nancy Aird. HSEM students were from three (3) HSEM collaborating colleges which included Olympic, Pierce, and Peninsula Colleges and were stationed at the City of Auburn and counties of Pierce, Thurston, and King Emergency Management Departments.

“One of the Center’s goals is to create a sustainable brokering program that grows internships for all six (6) career HSEM pathway programs and the Cascadia Exercise allowed students to gain hands on work experience in the most complex disaster response exercise ever conducted in the Pacific Northwest,” stated Linda Crerar, HSEM Center Director. This new exercise training course will be incorporated into the current HSEM degree program course offerings as well as utilized by several other pathway programs in training their students to participate in exercises. In addition to the June Cascadia Rising exercise, two (2) current HSEM students and a HSEM graduate worked with Amtrak to participate in a passenger train disaster exercise. Students observed and played the role of passengers injured in the train accident.

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Please join us in congratulating Wendy Freitag in her new appointment starting July 1st as the Academic Director for the [UW Masters in Infrastructure Planning & Management](http://www.infrastructure-management.uw.edu/). Details on the program can be found at <http://www.infrastructure-management.uw.edu/> This degree is a natural pathway for those with a HSEM AA degree or other EM industry related Bachelor’s degree wishing to add a graduate degree to their resume. Many of program graduates have gone on to fill leadership roles in both the public and private sectors.

Wendy will continue her very successful work with the Center in the areas of private-public partnerships, work experience marketplace, and employer engagement. She will also begin to work with Pierce’s new HSEM BAS program to develop an articulation pathway for Pierce students interested in entering the UW’s Master’s Program.

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Completed a draft of the Center’s 4th Quarter SBCTC Work Plan Report and outlined 2016-17 plan elements which will be reviewed and approved by the Center’s Advisory Board and Jo Ann Baria Pierce’s VP prior to submittal to the State Board in July. This year the Board asked the Center to focus two major elements they believed were critical to HSEM student career success. The activities included a yearlong effort directly engaging employers through structured interviews with hiring managers in public and

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private agencies with the Center sharing results which can be incorporated into their programs for better employment results. The Center also established a “Work Experience Marketplace” on its website for the HSEM cluster programs. Both initiatives have been very successful and our efforts have increased work-based training opportunities, student employment and job placements.

With the introduction this year of the “guided pathways model” to the SBCTC system, the Center will continue and expand its efforts supporting HSEM career cluster programs. We will help them to outline clear program structures that provide the necessary guidance to students to ensure they are focused and in pursuit of their career goals. This student centered approach provides clear direction and guidance leading towards the students’ career goals and will include a variety of work experience opportunities and resource support and training for career cluster program staff and faculty.

Kathy Goebel our SBCTC Policy Associate informed all of our Centers that allocations have gone out to all of our colleges and that each of the Center will be funded at last year’s level of \$204.157. A new budget will be prepared and submitted with the Center’s new 2016-17 Work Plan which is due to the State Board July 30.

Nancy Dick, Director for Workforce Education announced last week that Peter Guzman will be joining the Workforce Education team in June as a policy associate with a focus on economic development. Peter will serve as the Policy Associate for all of our ten (10) Centers which are currently divided up among three Policy and Program Associates.



The Director the annual International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in late June in Phoenix. Over 500 administrators participated. The Director meet with FEMA training managers to identify additional workshops on emergency and disaster preparedness that can be offered in Washington for SBCTC colleges at no cos, attended sessions on how social media is being used to assess threats, received a briefing on the President’s Task Force on “21st Century Policing” which will be shared with our CTC Criminal Justice Programs, and learned about how Ohio’s community colleges partnered with law enforcement across the state to bring law enforcement in-service/continuing education hours together with academic degree attainment. The technology allows online in-service modules to pathway to academic credentials. Center will work with Ohio to gather additional information about this innovative approach for academic credentialing in the CJ field.