

CAEP Unit Assessment Committee Meeting

October 14, 2015

Members present:

Dr. Lesa Beverly, Dr. Cala Coats, Dr. Tracey Hasbun, Dr. Jannah Nerren, Dr. Barbara Qualls, Dr. Pauline Sampson, Dr. Chris Sams, Dr. Nancy Shepherd, Christina Sinclair, Dr. Scott Slough, Dr. Josephine Taylor, Dr. Liz Vaughan, Dr. Carol Wright

Members absent: Dr. Deborah Buswell, Dr. Marc Guidry, Dr. Frank Mullins, Dr. Heather Olsen-Beal, Dr. Kathy Sheriff, Dr. Mark Turner

Recap

Dr. Nerren provided a brief recap of the last meeting for those who were not able to attend the September meeting. Specifically, did we want to use T-TESS as a model as we revise or create a new instrument as we assess our student teachers in their clinical teaching? Everyone would go out and research a bit more on other instruments and bring information back to this meeting. We would not move forward until we all have consensus.

Committee Members Report on Independent Research

Dr. Qualls discussed an email providing concerns regarding instruments.

Dr. Sampson noted that districts have local control and may stay with their local test but some will adopt T-TESS. She noted concerns that many superintendents have about the T-TESS. (Ex. Time to utilize.)

Dr. Slough thinks using the broad categories might be good to introduce them to the idea/language. They could get practice on the teaching parts of it but a good idea not to use the whole instrument.

Dr. Vaughan noted that our supervisors may not have the same level of training as principals. Dr. Nerren noted that, regardless of what instrument is used, the supervisors will need some intense training.

Dr. Nerren noted that some school districts that are piloting T-TESS are close in proximity (Ex. Martinsville) and she plans to reach out to them. Dr. Sampson noted that Region 13 has been implementing it for 18 months. She noted that many people she has visited with believe the rubric to be key.

Dr. Qualls noted that Scott Bailey is a T-TESS trainer. He is training principals and teacher supervisors.

Dr. Sinclair is not opposed to the T-TESS. She wanted to know about what has come from the Danielson Group. Dr. Nerren said Danielson is revered by CAEP. Dr. Vaughan said she brought what they used in Pennsylvania and it was used around the Danielson categories but not the framework. It is a more simplified version. The person rates the whole category, overall.

The Danielson Group already has a rubric established that has been used for quite some time. There are basic categories with four levels of performance.

Dr. Slough said that CAEP is more interested in reliability and validity. Dr. Quarles said we need to balance the needs of our students with what our students need and what an accrediting body needs. She also noted that if we are going to invest the time, it needs to be a benefit to the students.

Dr. Sampson said we should check with Region 13 and see if any reliability and validity has been done on T-TESS. Dr. Slough noted that if we make modifications to the T-TESS, we can't use their reliability and validity.

If we use a new instrument, Dr. Vaughan said we can show content validity if its aligned with state standards. Reliability will be more difficult.

CAEP Update

Dr. Nerren said CAEP uses a rubric to assess all EPP created assessments. She provided this to us. We have to tag everything to the CAEP and INTASC standards. If we build our own, we can submit it to CAEP for review, to let us know in advance, where the strengths and weaknesses may be. If we use what Danielson uses, we are pretty certain that it is accepted and ready to go.

Working Group Tasks

Dr. Nerren made a table that has the T-TESS dimensions and provided it to us. They are aligned to the teacher standards in the Commissioner's Rules. She suggested us to go through it and see where it aligns to INTASC standards and CAEP Standard One. She asked us to do a crosswalk and tag it. Groups divided the task.

Conclusion

Dr. Nerren will compile the results. She will also send us all needed electronic documents. (Ones that we did not have and ones that need to be corrected.) She will send a Doodle poll to set a date/time for the next meeting.