Broadband Meeting, February 23, 2010, Parkland College
10am-12:30pm

<u>Present</u>: Rev. Zernial Bogan (BCC), Ann Bishop (UIUC), Sharon Irish (UIUC), Brandon Bowersox (City of Urbana), Maria Mobasseri (Parkland), Josh King (IMC), Ray Mitchell (Volo), Bill DeJarnette (City of Urbana), Aaron Wagener (Mezolink), James Hogan (Mezolink/Parkland), Deb Lissak (Urbana Free Library)

Ray – recent awardees for PCC funding had matching 27-46%

Zernial – cybercommittee: get youth involved
tonight 6 PM, Salem

Brainstorming how to reduce budget request:
Brandon – reduced our number of PCCs to about 22
Only $5M so far 1st round given out SBA/PCC

Maria – cut down hours of teaching to reduce budget
Discussion about matches: questions about what counts as in kind
Budget discussion about high amount requested (Ray says not so high)

Bill will tweak wireless budget: he argues for birth to grave training

Rev Bogan – 75 people use Salem lab (60% use computers)
We need count of how many for each PCCs –
Maria asked why not include all users in projection, since there is a likelihood if they walk in the door they might eventually use the computers

Ann: estimate of total vulnerable population and put PCCs within walking distance

Bill & Ray: Are computers bondable? [Later in the day, the answer is NO.) Wireless counts; wiring

Rev. Bogan: adequate wiring not available: renovating what we have

Cut Columbia – ?

James – Lower grade computers may lower power needs
Low-power WISE terminals; virtualize; thin clients

Bill- Redo library rack servers, reclient pcs – but different kind of expense

Bill and Mezolink → cloud service, Virtual density
e-rate dollars
someone else manage the virtual desktop
servers not needed at sites

could lower cost of computers and save $21K; James could lessen Maria's budget

Ann and others--pro-Columbia, ties into family
Cut DMBGC? Cut high end video stuff – not good return; can use Urbana Public TV or IMC to learn video production

Parkland (9 training sites)
Director of Ed – coordinate sites, training
Part-time teachers; lab monitors/assistants
Library already has IT staff

Reverand Bogan – where's the workforce development
Not teacher but community technology center manager – PCC train the trainer

Ann – tiered and pipeline
Pay 10% to people who are at these sites already
Do what they do now to enhance skills for 3 years -- $20/hr for 10 hrs/wk for 3 years – times N sites

Ray – Parkland Scholarships for volunteers?
Sustainability – on site training and then continue post-grant

Wide-ranging discussion about staffing—
Staff to do what we want to do

At Parkland:
1 director of ed $60K/yr (oversee 12 pccs) – reasonable amount of work
Pt teaching $20/hr for 72 hours
Lab asst $10/hr for 80 hours
IT tech support 121 computers -- $45K/yr
Administrative asst –
Cut down number of switches & cables, servers

Ann – suggests keep it centralized and add to Parkland
Maria – can't do larger scale without more staff
Add asst director?
Half-time tech support → $22,000
Cybernavigator = lab asst (increase #)
PCC Manager (with training)
SBA director works with Neighborhood Services manager
Cybernavigators – out in community to help folks hook up modems, etc.

Possible jobs:
Communications Coordinator

Education director
Cybernavigator Coordinator
Outreach Workers
Youth Coordinator
IT Help Desk Director
2 IT support
½-time youth coordinator (SBA)
Grad students gone
UC2B Program Manager
Possible chart:

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