

Report on the Stipulations for San Diego County Office of Education May 2010

Overview

This item reports on the progress San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) has made to date in addressing the stipulations from the 2009 accreditation site visit. This item includes a recommendation for a change in the SDCOE accreditation status.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that accreditation decision for SDCOE be changed from *Accreditation with Stipulations* to *Accreditation*.

Background

In April of 2009, a site visit team recommended that the COA grant Accreditation with Stipulations to SDCOE. The findings that led to the stipulations were identified in the report as follows:

All Common Standards were met with the exception of Common Standards 2 and 4, which were met with concerns.

- With respect to Common Standard 2, Unit and Program Assessment and Evaluation, the team identified concerns regarding the establishment and use of a comprehensive and unit-wide assessment and evaluation system.
- With respect to Common Standard 4, Faculty, evidence was presented that instructors were evaluated by the partner universities, but the team did not find sufficient evidence that the institution had taken full responsibility for faculty evaluations.

For both the Adult Education and the Career Technical Education Programs, all program standards were met except for Program Standards 1(Program Design), 5 (Evaluation and Development of Faculty/Instructional Personnel), and 6 (Program Development and Evaluation), which were met with concerns. However, at the time of the site visit, both programs were transitioning to new Commission standards.

Based on the findings, five stipulations were noted. Unit and program leadership at SDCOE has addressed each of these stipulations. Evidence was submitted and reviewed by staff and the team lead.

The stipulations and responses to the stipulations are as follows:

Stipulation from 2009 Site Visit	Information Provided in 2010
(1) That the institution submit evidence that a comprehensive and unit-wide assessment and	The institution has presented evidence of development of a comprehensive and unit-wide assessment and evaluation system that is guiding

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evaluation system that addresses all approved credential programs has been developed and is guiding program modification consistent with board-adopted mission and goals.	program modification consistent with board-adopted mission and goals.
(2) That the institution submit evidence that a system to evaluate faculty and instructors is in place and that the results are utilized by decision makers within the unit.	The institution has submitted evidence that an integrated system to evaluate faculty and instructors has been developed and that the results will be used by decisions makers to improve program strategies.
(3) That the institution submit a program proposal addressing the CTE Program Standards.	The institution submitted a program proposal on April 5, 2010, addressing the new CTE Program Standards.
(4) That the institution submit evidence that it has addressed the three standards that are less than fully met for the Adult Education Teacher Preparation Program.	The institution reports that the Adult Education Program will be written when the new CTC standards are approved. The submission will address the three program standards that were less than fully met.

Staff Finding

After review of the documentation submitted by SDCOE by staff and the team lead, staff has concluded that SDCOE has responded to all five stipulations. Therefore, staff recommends that the COA take action to change the accreditation for SDCOE from *Accreditation with Stipulations* to *Accreditation*.