

**Notes**  
**Alliance Advisory Committee**  
June 22, 2012, 1:30-3:30 pm  
First United Methodist Church of Montgomery  
Montgomery, Alabama

Attending: Alethea Hampton, Julie Hannah, Robin Litaker, Jayne Meyer, Lynne Mills, Sherrill Parris, Marcia Webb, Susan Villaume (chair),  
Guests: Anna Kozlowski, Cory Murphy

**1. Flexibility Option**

Alabama's teacher educators have the same opportunity as K-12 educators to enter into a flexibility contract with the Alabama State Department of Education to support innovation in their programs, particularly with regard to developing more clinically based programs as outlined in NCATE's Blue Ribbon Panel (BRP) Report, Transforming Teacher Education through Clinical Practice: A National Strategy to Prepare Effective Teachers (available at <http://www.ncate.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=zzeiB1OoqPk%3D&tabid=715>). This option allows for flexibility with regard to state laws, including State Board rules, regulations and policies, in exchange for exceptional levels of results-driven accountability. Interested colleges of education are encouraged to submit preliminary proposals to Dr. Tommy Bice with copies to Mrs. Sherrill Parris and Dr. Jayne Meyer.

The Alliance Advisory Committee encourages ALACTE members to discuss the BRP report with faculty. In addition, the Committee will organize a session to be held at the conclusion of the October ALACTE meeting for those interested in further discussion about this option.

**2. Press Release**

ALACTE officers will discuss a possible press release about the Alliance with Dr. Bice, Mrs. Parris, and Dr. Meyer.

**3. Upcoming Alliance Advisory Committee Meetings**

The Alliance Advisory Committee will piggyback its next meeting with the August Regional Planning Team Meetings and invite wider participation in the discussion to include higher education faculty and regional inservice directors who are part of the regional planning teams. The regional planning meetings are scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> (Regions 1-5) and August 14<sup>th</sup> (Regions 6-11). Susan and Julie will work together to coordinate the back-to-back meetings on both dates. Advisory Committee members are encouraged to attend the meeting for their region and are welcome to attend both sessions.

The agenda for the August 7 and 14 "afternoon" meetings (Alliance Advisory Committee + interested higher ed and RIC directors) will include the following:

- Ideas for moving toward a more seamless, integrated continuum of teacher preparation and professional development focusing on student learning (e.g., What role might the regional planning teams play? What could a partnership among IHEs, LEAs, and RICs look like? What are the barriers?).
- Possibility of ALACTE and regional in-service centers sponsoring regional "road shows" in which Dr. Bice and other ALSDE personnel meet with higher education faculty to engage in conversation about the kind of teacher preparation and professional development programs

that Alabama needs and the kind of policies that support innovation. We will seek additional input as to whether joint or separate meetings need to be held with K-12 and higher education.