

Joint Meeting ICCSSO and CAOs at ICCCA
Illinois Community College Chief Student Services Officers
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

- I. Call to Order and Introductions:** The meeting was called to order by President John Erwin.
- II. Updates from ICCB -** Dr. Elaine Johnson updated the group on the budget, MAP grant and transfer issues.
- Budget -** Elaine Johnson commented that the budget is in poor shape. The first quarter payment is all that has been received in some cases. Equalization payments have not been received. There is no confirmation when the next quarter payment will be paid. Johnson relayed that the state is five months out for payment of vouchers and part of the payments for FY10 were made with stimulus money. Illinois is facing an even worse crisis in FY11. Community colleges have done an effective job winning friends in the general assembly the last two years, and colleges will have to work together again this year to advocate why we are the engine for economic recovery.
- MAP –** Johnson addressed concerns about the Illinois MAP grant and the length of time colleges should wait to post MAP to student accounts. Concern was expressed that if the appropriation isn't made colleges will be left without that revenue. Johnson said that ICCB would follow-up on that concern with the Governor's Office, but she believes it will be funded. She also shared that a resolution to study the effectiveness of MAP grants has been made and a task force has been put together. ISAC Director Andy Davis is interested in designing a MAP program specifically for community colleges with three separate deadlines. Currently under consideration is the option of utilizing the income of community college graduates in the formula since they move quickly into the workforce and begin contributing revenue. This is a new revenue source and a new formula under consideration.
- Transfer –** ICCB is looking at issues of transfer credits in state of Illinois. Some of our students are being disadvantaged right now. Universities have not bought into the transfer of major courses.
- III. Health Care Worker Background Check Act Requirements –** Jonna Veach presented information about the Health Care Worker Background Check Act, which became law in August 2007 with rules finalized March 26, 2009. In past this requirement was only for CNAs, however, it has been extended to all unlicensed direct care workers. Direct care is defined as anyone who helps with dressing, restroom, etc. With the changes to the registry, the background check requirement will cost more initially; however, registrants will not have to have the background check again as long as they stay on the registry. Police will be storing fingerprints and notifying the registry for any convictions related to the fingerprint at no additional cost. It is then the responsibility of Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to make a determination if it a disqualifying conviction. If the individual has current or open employment information with IDPH, the employer will get an E-mail notifying them of the disqualification. In some rare cases, an individual can appeal the decision and apply for a waiver.
- Results should be provided within a week to 10 days. Students should have the results in the first week of class and can decide if they want to complete the course or not. The law requires suspension from class if they have not had the fingerprints collected; beyond 30 days colleges should drop them or the employer should terminate. Whiteside, Carroll, Ogle and Lee participated in the pilot project. Once IDPH gets to a county, that county will be required to implement the new requirements.
- IV. Other**
- a. Underrepresented Groups Report – Jennifer Timmons reported that the Report is being revamped to fit within the public agenda. Colleges should be receiving the submission information in the next couple of weeks. The report will be due March 1st.
 - b. Jennifer Timmons reminded colleges that they must name a coordinator of military support services by February 7th.
 - c. Information was shared by Jennifer Timmons about the \$25 million available through IEMA for grants related to the Campus Security Enhancement Act. Colleges are encouraged to submit their All Hazards Plan and Violence Prevention Plan quickly in order to be eligible.
 - d. Jennifer Timmons also reported that a conference call was held on November 17th about experimental sites for financial aid projects intended to shorten time to degree. Jennifer offered to send this information to the listserv.