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Subject: RE: Data Questions in SC

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Subject: FW: Data Questions in SC

Some afternoon humor!!! Start at the bottom reading Mary's questions to Debra and Debra's responses. Then follow the trail up.

From: Mary A. Gaston [mailto:MaryGaston@pickens.k12.sc.us]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 2:25 PM

Absolutely! And if we can help in any way, please let us know . . . we'll be happy to share our "evidence" with anyone who will listen.

From: Kovacs, Elisabeth [mailto:EKovacs@dew.sc.gov]

By the way, can I share this with our team?

From: Mary A. Gaston [mailto:MaryGaston@pickens.k12.sc.us]

Is it just me?
If any of you understand, please let me know.
I'm usually a very logical person—so this is baffling to me.

From: Debra.Lyons@act.org [mailto:Debra.Lyons@act.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 12:38 PM

Mary,
Your interpretation of my answers is not quite correct. I suggest you discuss with Erina so you have exactly the right info for your meeting tomorrow. She will be more than happy to talk with you!
Regards, Debra

On Nov 1, 2012, at 11:45 AM, "Mary A. Gaston" <MaryGaston@pickens.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Thank you for the info!

And yes—Pickens County is excited and ready to GO! (not just adult ed—all our partners in the county!!).

It is still a bit confusing so I want to be sure I understand—

In #2, it says that the data collected during the interim collection is disaggregated to the county level.

In #3, it says that the data collected during the interim collection is not reported at the county level (i.e. on the website).

So I think I understand that it was collected and disaggregated during an “interim” period, but not included in counts on the county level websites . . . is this correct?

If so—I wonder if it would be possible to change the COUNTY level websites to read “July 1 – September 30” instead of “January 1 – September 30.” Just a suggestion—it might help with the confusion.

Thank you again for your help understanding.

From: Debra.Lyons@act.org [<mailto:Debra.Lyons@act.org>]

Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 11:26 AM

To: Mary A. Gaston

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Subject: RE: Data Questions in SC

Hello Mary,

I hope this note finds you well. And, I am so happy to see how excited Pickens County is about the SC Work Ready Communities. Below please find the answers to your questions. I hope this information is helpful to you in your meetings on Friday.

Regards, Debra

From: "Mary A. Gaston" <MaryGaston@pickens.k12.sc.us>

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Date: 10/30/2012 11:59 AM

Subject: RE: Data Questions in SC

Some of us are still confused where it says on the county websites that the data is for January 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012.

I think it will be helpful if we have a clear explanation of what is supposed to be included for that time period, and what was actually included for that time period, and where it is reported.

We have a regional directors meeting here on Friday--and it will be great if we can give them answers to the following:

1) The FAQ sheet indicated that paper/pencil tests prior to July 1st are not included in count on county websites--is this correct?

(would it be possible to note this on county websites where it says that it includes data from January 1st?)

From a national perspective, ACT only collected county of residence and current status data via WKIV test delivery from January through June 2012 in an interim data collection process. And - the FAQ document answers questions from a national perspective. For the first four participating states, ACT developed a unique process using local item fields to collect county of residence and current status via WK paper testing process should the participating states want to get a jump start on reporting NCRC at the county level earned by WK paper process.

2) The FAQ Sheet indicated that WKIV assessments were being counted beginning January 1st. Are these reported on both the state and county websites beginning January 1st? **ACT used an interim process**

for examinees to provide county of residence and current status data from tests taken beginning January 1, 2012. If the data was collected correctly, ACT disaggregated the NCRC data to the county level.

3) Were there some glitches that prevented some of the WKIV assessments from being counted? We administered 33 WKIV tests the last week of June--they are in the registrar system with certificate dates of July--they did not show up on the county website (we do know they were residents of Pickens county). Do we know how this happened, and is it possible to correct the data? Any WKIV tests taken between January and June used the interim data process to collect examinee county of residence and current status data. Only NCRC earned with WKIV tests taken post July 1, 2012 are counted in the new data system. Because there was overlap in the interim data collection and the new CWRC data reporting tool for NCRC issued in July, ACT was able to make an adjustment for the state of SC by running one additional interim CWRC July report and added that data to the July SC CWRC report produced by the new data tool. Below is a total of the July certificate data reported for Pickens County:

Pickens County data

- Jan to June - Interim data report - 186 NCRC
- July new report - 4 NCRC
- July interim report - 63 NCRC
- Total July NCRC reported for Pickens County - 67 NCRC
- Total NCRC reported from January through July for Pickens County - 253 NCRC

I do want to share that the WKIV total reported for Pickens County began on July 1, 2012 and is associated with the new data reporting system. So even though we counted the WKIV NCRC via the July interim data collection process, those totals will not show up in the WKIV data reported at the county level.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you in advance for your help understanding these issues--I know it will be very helpful to have more information to share with our regional directors. THANKS!!