**CONSORTIUM FOR BELIZE EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION**

Winter Conference

February 6, 2014

**Stann Creek Ecumenical Junior College**

**Dangriga Town, Belize**

**COBEC Agenda**

**Celebrating Collaborations: *Past, Present, and Future***

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| **Tuesday, February 4, 2014** | | | | |
| Arrivals | Delegates arrive and check-in to Hotels in Belize City or Dangriga | | | |
| **Wednesday, February 5, 2014** | | | | |
| Arrivals | | Delegates arrive and check-in to hotels in Belize City or Dangriga | | |
| 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. | | Café workshops (topics - to be provided later) | | UWI Open Campus  Belize City |
| 3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. | | COBEC College Fair | | ITVET Courtyard  Belize City |
| Arrival | | Delegates travel to Dangriga and check-in to Hotels/resorts | | See hotel/resort listings |
| **Thursday, February 6, 2014** | | | |  |
| 7:30a.m. - 8:30a.m. | | | Pickup from hotel/resort |  |
| 8:15a.m. – 9:00a.m. | | | COBEC Registration | Pelican Beach Resort |
| 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. | | | **Opening Ceremony**   * Directors of Event – Mrs. Shanna Taylor & Ms. Florence Cayetano * National Anthem – USA & Belize   (Belizean Anthem by EC Choir)   * Invocation – Rev. Frederick Francisco * Welcome – COBEC Co-Chairs – Mrs. Jane Bennett (Belize), Dr. John Kemppainen (United States) * Welcome - Mr. Gasper Martinez (Chairman of Board of Governors) * Opening Remarks – Honorable Patrick Faber (Minister of Education) * Greetings - Major Gilbert Swaso (Mayor of Dangriga Town) * Keynote Speaker - Mr Francis Humphreys (Emeritus Principal, Ecumenical College) | Pelican Beach Resort *Coconut Palm Room* |
| 10:00a.m. – 10:30a.m. | | | Break |  |
| 10:30a.m. – 12:30 | | | **Education and Challenges** in Stann Creek – Dr. Tanya Nunez (Education Manager, Stann Creek District)  **Belize National Research & Education Network (BZNREN)**  Mr. Ruel Cima ( ITC Manager, MOE)  **Bilingual Education in Belize:**  Gwen Nunez Gonzalez (doctoral candidate, research focus on bilingual education in Belize)  **Medical Tourism & Educational opportunities in Belize**  Mr. Jalen Avila ( Business and Investment Facilitator/Medical Tourism Officer, BELTRAIDE) |  |
| 12:30p.m. – 1:30p.m. | | | Lunch |  |
| 1:30p.m. – 3:15p.m. | | | **Celebrating Collaborations: *Past, Present, and Future***   * Strengths, challenges, future plans * Dr. Cynthia Aird – *Historical perspective on ideal partnerships (Sacred Heart Junior College)* * Dr. Carol Babb – *collaboration Between Bridgewater and MOE* * Marilyn McElwain – *update on UIndy's collaborations in Belize* * Susan Catapeno - *partnership between UNCW and the schools in San Pedro* * Dr. John Kemppainen – *UNF collaborations* | *Anybody else interested in presenting? Kindly email us* |
| 3:15p.m. – 3:30p.m. | | | Break |  |
| 3:30p.m. – 4:00p.m. | | | Presentation by Dr. Ethel Hernandez (UB)  ***Topic***: The Leadership Roles of Secondary School Department Heads in Belize |  |
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| 4:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. | | | Visit to Garifuna Gulisi Museum- presentation by Mrs. Janella Guzman and/or Mrs. Phyllis Cayetano |  |
| 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. | | | Dinner reception at Ecumenical College Auditorium   * Cultural presentations * Wagierale Drummers |  |

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| **Friday, February 7, 2014** | | |
| 7:30a.m. – 8:00a.m. | Pickup from hotel/resort |  |
| 8:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. | Tour of Pen Cayetano Art Gallery | (breakfast package for those on tour) |
|  | Travel to conference site |  |
| 9:30am. – 9:45a.m. | Mr. Ravey Vellos, Adult Education Coordinator, CJC  *Report on Certificate in School Leadership program* |  |
| 9:45a.m. – 10:00a.m. | Presentation by Mrs. Jane Bennett  *Urban Garden Port Loyola, Belize City* |  |
| 10:00a.m. – 10:15a.m. | Presentation by Belize National Library Service  *Report on RDA training* |  |
| 10:15a.m. – 10:30a.m. | Students experiences in collaborative relationships (US/BZ) | *Any information on this from Co-Chairs?* |
| 10:30a.m. – 11:00a.m. | Break |  |
| 11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m. | COBEC Business Meeting  Agenda   * Call to order – executive members * Acceptance of Agenda * Reports by Officers: Secretary, treasurer * Reports: CAFÉ, CFACT, Study Abroad |  |
| 12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m. | Lunch |  |
| 1:30p.m. – 2:30p.m. | COBEC Business Meeting continues   * Membership Applications * Matters arising * Venue for next COBEC conference:   Summer -  Winter – |  |
| 2:30p.m. – 3:00p.m. | Evaluation and Closing |  |