

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:**June 2014**

RECOGNITION OF STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Consent Item Action Item Report Item

DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 4:

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

Employee of the Month

The Department's April Employee of the Month, Lindsey Struempf, is a counselor with Disability Determinations Services. Lindsey makes medical determinations for Social Security using medical records and knowledge of various medical conditions. These determinations range from children to adults at the initial pre-hearing and reconsideration levels. "Being named the Department Employee of the Month was a complete surprise since I thought I was just doing my job," said Lindsey. Lindsey spends time each week providing assistance to others with their caseloads. She also spent many hours researching and creating training materials, which she then presented to several groups of staff. "Lindsey's exception efforts create a caring workplace that fosters not only teamwork, but also personal and professional growth," said Assistant District Supervisor Sharon Falter. "She has helped develop skills of other counselors with the multiple trainings she provided.

Jeremy Ellis has been named the May Employee of the Month. Jeremy is the Director of Mathematics for the office of College and Career Readiness. Jeremy is the sole mathematics content person at the Department and works with all levels in regards to mathematics issues in curriculum and assessment. "I really enjoy working with teachers and districts as they improve math instruction across the state," Jeremy said. Besides his normal duties, Jeremy developed scoring papers for end-of-course assessments and regularly meets with educational organizations around the state to direct planning and implement state standards. "The extra effort includes presenting to various groups, creating webinars and networking with other professionals," Director of English Language Arts Melia Franklin said. Jeremy has been with the Department for two years.

Melissa Bardwell, Data Specialist, Office of Data Systems Management, was selected as the June Employee of the Month (also selected in 2003 and 2007). The Office of Data Systems Management receives a great number of data requests and has recently implemented a new system to help track those requests and respond in a timely manner. Melissa was tasked with keeping tabs on the requests and ensures they get answered. "She has done a better job than we could have asked for" said Jason Young, Data Coordinator. "Melissa has always been the type of person who when given a task, utterly dominates it---she connects the dots, follows-up and succeeds." Her present job duties include reviewing, assigning and in some cases processing the data requests that come through the Data Request System. Requests are submitted by the legislature, media, districts and the general public. "Melissa has been extremely valuable to our office," Jason added. "I like working with the data requests because it is interesting learning about all the different data we have at the Department," she said. "I also like working with the districts, helping them get their data submitted." Melissa has been with the department for 18 years.

5 Years of Service – 19

Chantel Bates, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Miranda Bryan, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Latascha Harrell, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Staci Hoffman, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Tim Horrell, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Linda Hough, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Jesse Jensen, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Luke Landgraf, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Jason Lawrence, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Elisa Loeb, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Lacey Maples, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Lynne Meyers, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Catherine Plein, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Jared Price, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Megan Rolloos, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Stacy Schweer, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Bradley Vickers, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Martha Wilindez, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Christina Wright, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

10 Years of Service – 6

Dwayne Blakely, Missouri School for the Blind
 Valerie Harris, College and Career Readiness*
 Annette Snyder, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Josie Stephens, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Christal Thomas, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Ray Tupper, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled

15 Years of Service – 7

Mary Althiser, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Barbara Bonsall, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Rebecca Flynn, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Kimberly Hulett, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Deanna Kilson, Financial and Administrative Services*
 Christie Viehmann, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Chris Wilson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

20 Years of Service – 2

Lura McDowell, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Kim Wineland, Financial and Administrative Services*

25 Years of Service – 5

Noel Beatty, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Tracy Carlson, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Cindy Pickard, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 Janice Tucker, Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled
 David Welch, Quality Schools*

30 Years of Service – 3

Susan Anderson, Missouri School for the Deaf
 Kendall Giles, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services
 Pamela Goodin, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

35 Years of Service – 1

Michele Henrickson, Adult Learning and Rehabilitation Services

* = Jefferson City Based Staff

DIVISION	TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS
Adult Learning & Rehabilitation Services	25
College and Career Readiness	1
Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing	0
Commissioner	0
Data System Management	0
Early and Extended Learning	0
Educator Quality	0
Financial & Administrative Services	2
Missouri School for the Blind	1
Missouri School for the Deaf	5
Missouri Schools for the Severely Disabled	8
Quality Schools	1
Special Education	0
TOTAL	43