**ACES Update-April 2015**

**New Leadership at the Coalition**

Congratulations to Greta Roskom and Kelly Callahan as the new Co-Directors at the New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools (NMCCS). Max and I have met with them several times and we are very excited about the opportunity for ACES and NMCCS to work more closely together to support NM’s Charter schools. Greta and Kelly have tremendous knowledge and their enthusiasm is contagious. We look forward to working with them.

**Governing Council Training**

In the spirit of collaboration, ACES and NMCCS are partnering to offer a 5-hour Governing Council training on June 5, 2015 from 8:30-3:30 pm. ACES Cadre member, Dr. Hugh Prather will be conducting the training that will meet the 5-hour requirement for GC members. The training will be held at the NUSENDA Credit Union Training Center, 4100 Pan America Frwy, NE, Albuquerque, 87107.

Please contact NMCCS for registration information. If GC members have not met their required training requirements, this is a great opportunity to do so.

**ACES Cadre Members**

ACES employs a number of highly qualified and experienced staff members that are on call to provide technical assistance and support to charter schools. How are our Cadre members selected? Based on needs stated by our members, we solicit applications from people that have expertise and skills in certain areas. As with any employer, we review the applications; verify the applicant’s experience; check references; and interview the applicants. We try to hire the very best candidates that have a high degree of skills and experience and make their services available to Charter schools. A complete list of our Cadre Professionals and their areas and levels of expertise are listed on our website at [www.nmaces.org/services-view/cadre-professional-services/](http://www.nmaces.org/services-view/cadre-professional-services/).

When we receive a request for a particular service or support, we try to provide the school with names of several Cadre members with expertise or skills in that area to select from. Thus, if a school is looking for an interim principal, help with a renewal, data analysis, strategic planning or any other request, we give the school the names of several Cadre members to interview and select from. The school then makes the choice as to which Cadre member to use for the service/support they need. Additionally, a school can contact one of our Cadre Professionals directly to engage their services.

One of the benefits of our Cadre staff is their flexibility to be able to work with several schools at the same time. As most schools don't have a need for a full time person in certain areas (testing coordinator, special ed coordinator, bilingual coordinator, etc.), but need assistance in these areas, we encourage schools to contact us about sharing services.

Another benefit is ACES Cadre members agree to offer their services to ACES members at a lower cost than to non-members. This saves the member schools money to put back into the classrooms to help improve student performance.

Persons interested in working through ACES can find our application form on the Employment section of our website at [www.nmaces.org](http://www.nmaces.org). A list of positions we are actively seeking applicants and we welcome inquiries from anyone interested in working with Charters in NM.