HCC MDRC Learning Communities Round table Discussion  
Friday, April 11, 2008, 2:00 – 4 pm

Present: Alexander-Shea, Aimee; Alford, Emery; Arce, Niurka; Bendickson, Mary; Burdick, Jenny; Butterfield, Ann; Clark, Maridru; Edwards, Linda; Epo, Natalie; Garrett, Maribel; Gaspar, Rick; Grinstead, Shannon; Hendricks, Jeanne; Herlocker, Linda; Hervey, Bob; Johns, Stephen; Morris, Minetha; Petway, Margaret; Sieffert, Jean; Alicea, Judy; Tarantella, Mariam; Johnson, Craig; Ivry, Rob (MDRC); Martinez, John (MDRC); Robert, Rashida (MDRC); Coghlan, Erin (MDRC); Singer, Rachel (Kingsborough Community College/MDRC)

Absent: Acevedo, Lee; Babcock, Frank; Bentrovato, Joe; Blue, John; Calhoun, Barbara; Cangi, Ellen; Fogle, Billie Jean; Freeman, Charity; Freeman, Linda; Rich, Laura; Robinson, Shawn; Ronson, Bonnie; Saad, Valerie; Soto, Carlos; Wilson, Jason

1. Introductions

2. Welcome – Craig Johnson & Rob Ivry
   Overview of study:
   - goal of LC demonstration
   - status of random assignment
   - HCC’s success in fulfilling objectives

3. HCC: Reflections on the LC Demonstration experience – Craig Johnson
   - Challenges of random assignment and learning communities
   - Strategies implemented and solutions discovered
   - Surprising outcomes and lessons learned (both by faculty and students)

4. The LC Evaluation at HCC: Where are we and where are we going? – John Martinez
   - HCC on target for completing random assignment, fulfilling sample size
   - Entering Implementation Research phase
   - Research team visit in Fall 08:
     - 1:1 interviews
     - focus groups
     - classroom observations

5. The LC National Demonstration, an update – Rob Ivry

6. Faculty Development – Rachel Singer
   - KCC Summer Institute

No additional discussion, everyone thanked for attending, meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm