

**MEMO OF RECORD**  
Commonwealth Education Continuum

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Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum: Early Postsecondary Opportunities Workgroup  
Date: April 12, 2021  
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET  
Location: Virtual meeting – Workgroup members by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing at CPE YouTube Page

**CALL TO ORDER**

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The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on March 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. ET. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-243 and a memorandum issued by the Finance and Administration Cabinet dated March 16, 2020, and in an effort to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the CEC met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting on the CPE YouTube page.

**ATTENDANCE**

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The following members were present: Jason Glass, Paul Czarapata, Sandra Baker, Stacy Bassett, Dan Connell, Brad Hall, Melina Hettiaratchi, David Horseman, Ted Franziem (proxy for Gene Hutchins), Carla Kersey, Anthony Mires, OJ Oleka, Jenny Sawyer, Christine Tarquinio and LorryBeth Wilson.

The following members were not present: James Tipton and Kakie Urch.

Jennifer Fraker, CPE's executive director of P-20 Policies and Programs, served as recorder of the meeting memo.

**WELCOME AND PURPOSE**

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The co-leads, KCTCS Interim Pres. Paul Czarapata, KDE Commissioner Jason Glass and Dr. Meredith Brewer provided a welcome, introductions and highlighted the purpose of the Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPO) Workgroup.

## **WORKGROUP GOALS AND DELIVERABLES**

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Dr. Czarapata, Dr. Glass and Dr. Brewer shared the EPO Workgroup draft structure and goals document for member review and feedback as organized around access, alignment and attainment. Members discussed the importance of definitions and drafted definitions of key terms as identified by workgroup members. Dr. Brewer also solicited feedback on deliverable actions and timing.

## **RESEARCH DISCUSSION**

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Education Strategy Group (ESG) Senior Director Ryan Reyna provided a brief overview of the national research as organized by vision setting, course access, advising, instructor capacity, and program quality and transfer. Ryan then solicited feedback on what additional information or research members might find helpful and also support student success and attainment.

## **NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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Dr. Glass provided final reflective notes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m. ET. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021.