

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum – Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPO) Workgroup
Date: August 18, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m. ET
Location: Virtual meeting – Workgroup members by ZOOM teleconference. Public viewing at CPE YouTube Page

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) EPO Workgroup held a regular meeting on August 18, 2021 at 1:00 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 workgroup met utilizing a video teleconference. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting on the CPE YouTube page.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Jason Glass, Paul Czarapata, Sandra Baker, Meredith Brewer, Dan Connell, Ted Franzem, Melina Hettiaratchi, David Horseman, Gene Hutchins, Carla Kersey, Anthony Mires, Jenny Sawyer and LorryBeth Wilson.

The following members were not present: Brad Hall, MaryBeth Lawson, OJ Oleka, Christine Tarquinio, James Tipton and Kathleen Urch.

Joette Fields, Business Specialist with CPE's P-20 Policies and Programs Unit, served as recorder of the meeting memo.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

KCTCS President Dr. Paul Czarapata provided a welcome and Commissioner of Education Dr. Jason Glass provided a recap of what was accomplished at the last meeting and shared a brief overview of the agenda and meeting objectives focused on providing and discussing preliminary finds from stakeholder engagement, reviewing emerging work group recommendations and lifting up key questions or considerations for other workgroups.

REVIEW THOUGHT PARTNER FEEDBACK AND EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Education Strategy Group (ESG) Senior Associate Lauren Norton provided a discussion and presentation on the key takeaways from stakeholder engagement which highlighted the recommendations that were not included in the prioritized list of recommendations and the recommendations that may need additional refinement.

REFINE AND PRIORITIZE EMERGING RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Amanda Ellis and Dr. Jennifer Fraker led the members in an exercise where the workgroup members voted on their top four recommendations via a multiple-choice poll in Zoom. Members discussed the results to ensure the top recommendations addressed the main challenges heard from stakeholders regarding students' transition to postsecondary. After the discussions concluded, the members agreed on a ranked order of importance for the list of emerging recommendations to bring before the Continuum for consideration.

DETAIL RECOMMENDATIONS PLANS-BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS

CPE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker shared that the workgroup would be divided into four breakout rooms in order to engage in discussion on the identification of key challenges of the top four prioritized recommendations.

- Dr. Brewer guided the first breakout room and Lauren Norton served as the notetaker.
- Dr. Czarapata guided the second breakout room and Jennifer Fraker served as the notetaker.
- Dr. Glass guided the third breakout room and Amanda Ellis served as the notetaker.
- Briana Falduti guided the third breakout room and served as the notetaker.

Lauren Norton, Ted Franzeim, Sofie Farmer and Briana Falduti shared the discussions had in each of the breakout groups with the whole workgroup.

WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Dr. Ellis wrapped up the meeting by sharing that the prioritized recommendations would be brought forward to the full Continuum for consideration. Dr. Glass and Dr. Czarapata thanked members for their engagement and participation. Dr. Fraker shared that the September workgroup meeting may be canceled, but members should hold the date until notification of the cancellation and that the workgroup would meet on October 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. ET. Dr. Fraker reminded the members that the full Continuum would meet on

September 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. ET and will be livestreamed should members wish to view the meeting on CPE's YouTube Channel.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m. ET.