

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum – Early Postsecondary Opportunities: (EPSO) Access and Success Workgroup
Date: August 23, 2022
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) EPSO Workgroup held a regular meeting on August 23, 2022, 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: Justin Bathon, Susanne Burkhardt, Jennifer Devine, Robin Hebert, Debbie Dennison, Becky Gilpatrick, Beth Hargis, Harmony Little, Scott Necessary, Julie Pile, Jenny Sawyer, Lisa Schmidt, and Leslie Slaughter.

The following members were not present: Stephanie Emmons, Dean Monarch, Logan Rupard, Regina Taylor, and Amy Tobin.

Joette Fields, CPE Business Specialist served as recorder of the meeting memo.

WELCOME

EPSO Workgroup Co-Leads Robin Hebert and Harmony Little welcomed the members of the workgroup, and the meeting agenda and meeting objectives were reviewed and discussed. Additional student feedback from Summer Bridge was shared as confirmation of the workgroup's purpose and to build community.

DUAL CREDIT POLICY/ACCESS & ATTAINMENT GOAL

Alex Perry of The College in High School Alliance provided a presentation to discuss the work and partnerships that are taking place in the state to advance and shape our dual credit policies. The need to revise the Kentucky Dual Credit Policy and the need to set a goal to support a statewide vision for dual credit were discussed. The need to update the current dual credit policy due to legislative changes that have taken place since it was published in 2016. The discussion highlighted the complexity and definitive terms about KY dual credit and the lack of regulations to force a lot of the requirements it lays down. The need for a simpler, clearer, and more up to date version of the policy is desired to be a more useful tool for KY dual credit providers. It was stated that interviews were conducted with various state agency personnel, CEC members and others to explore the goals of Kentucky's Dual Credit System and to glean what the ideal Dual Credit Experience for Kentucky students is. The workgroup members split into three breakout groups to provide feedback from the draft vision statements that were developed.

DUAL CREDIT TOOLKIT

Lauren Norton presented an introduction and overview of the Dual Credit Toolkit. Components of the toolkit were discussed and samples from other states were introduced. Members split into breakout sessions to review the existing conceptual construction for the Dual Credit Attainment Goal and to discuss the right metric of attainment and to evaluate if current strategies are the right ones to grow dual credit.

RECOMMENDATION PRIORITIZATION

Harmony Little led the group in an exercise to rank the list of priorities generated from stakeholder feedback presented at the last CEC workgroup meeting. The top priority themes will be brought forward for consideration to the Commonwealth Education Continuum.

CEC SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Harmony Little stated the next meeting of the Commonwealth Education Continuum would occur on September 21, 2022 and that the workgroup co-leads will provide an update and summary of the work that is being done by the workgroup.

WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT

Harmony Little reminded the workgroup of the upcoming meetings on October 24 and November 17 and asked each workgroup member to review the dual credit toolkits from

other states and come prepared to discuss the best options for Kentucky at the October meeting.

Robin Hebert thanked the workgroup members for their thoughtfulness and expertise as a member of the EPSO workgroup and provided information on where materials for the workgroup are located. The workgroup members were reminded of future meeting dates and were asked to contact the workgroup co-leads with any questions or concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. ET.