

## **MEMO OF RECORD**

### Commonwealth Education Continuum

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Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum – Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPO) Workgroup  
Date: June 16, 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) EPO Workgroup held a regular meeting on June 16, 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 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, Dan Connell, Ted Franzien, Melina Hettiaratchi, David Horseman, Gene Hutchins, Carla Kersey, Anthony Mires, Jenny Sawyer, Christine Tarquinio and LorryBeth Wilson.

The following members were not present: Brad Hall, MaryBeth Lawson, OJ Oleka, 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 FRAMING**

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Commissioner of Education Jason Glass provided a welcome and 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.

KCTCS President Paul Czarapata provided a brief recap of the three priority areas of the group: Access, Alignment and Attainment and how the discussions on the identification of

key challenges and opportunities for increasing access, alignment and attainment of early postsecondary opportunities led to emerging recommendations from the workgroup.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PRELIMINARY FINDINGS**

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Education Strategy Group (ESG) Senior Associate Lauren Norton provided a discussion and presentation on the preliminary findings from stakeholder engagement. The utilization of a mix of focus groups and interviews was discussed and an explanation of how questions were centered on the three workgroup focus areas of transition to postsecondary, postsecondary opportunities and educator diversity was given as well a discussion on the coordination with the eight regional education cooperatives to ensure geographic diversity and recruit participants of color and those from schools and districts with economic and racial diversity.

## **BREAKOUT DISCUSSIONS**

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CPE Executive Director Jennifer Fraker shared that the workgroup would be divided into three breakout rooms in order to engage in discussion on the identification of key challenges and opportunities for increasing access, alignment and attainment of EPOs in small groups.

- Pres. Czarapata guided the Attainment breakout room and Jennifer served as the notetaker.
- Dr. Brewer guided the Access breakout room and Lauren served as the notetaker.
- Dr. Glass guided the Alignment breakout room and Amanda served as the notetaker.

## **FULL GROUP SHAREOUT AND DISCUSSION**

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Dr. Glass guided the group to: (1) share-out identified priorities to lift to the full Continuum, then (2) flag and considerations to the other workgroups. Melina Hettiaratchi shared out for the Alignment breakout room, Dan Connell shared out for the Access group and Jenny Sawyer shared out for the Attainment breakout room. Members were reminded that this is an ongoing and organic process and the list of priorities will continue to be refined.

## **NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT**

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Dr. Fraker wrapped up the meeting with a reminder that the full Continuum meets on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. ET and will be livestreamed. She also reminded workgroup members that during the full Continuum meeting is when the priorities from the workgroup meetings will be shared with the full Continuum for their consideration. The

workgroup was reminded of the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m. ET.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m. ET. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2021.