

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum – Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPO) Workgroup
Date: November 18, 2021
Time: 2:00 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 November 18, 2021 at 2:00 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, Meredith Brewer, Ted Franzien, Melina Hettiaratchi, David Horseman, Carla Kersey, Jenny Sawyer, LorryBeth Wilson and Sandra Baker.

The following members were not present: Paul Czarapata, Dan Connell, Gene Hutchins, Anthony Mires, Brad Hall, MaryBeth Lawson, OJ Oleka, Christine Tarquinio, James Tipton and Kathleen Urch.

Dr. Amanda Ellis served as recorder of the meeting memo.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Commissioner of Education Dr. Jason Glass welcomed the workgroup participants and provided a brief recap of what was accomplished at the last meeting and a review of the prioritized recommendations. Dr. Glass reviewed the meeting agenda with the workgroup and shared a brief overview of the meeting objectives focused on reviewing the prioritized recommendations and agency requests associated with implementation of the recommendations as well as providing feedback to share with the full Continuum.

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY REQUESTS

Dr. Glass shared a list of agencies' requests to support the implementation of the prioritized recommendations. Glass emphasized the importance of members' advocacy in consideration of implementation efforts -- even for those recommendations that may have not made the top three recommendations being proposed to the full Continuum.

FUTURE WORKGROUPS

Dr. Ellis shared that the 2021 workgroups are ending based on the Continuum's previous identification of topics and that state agencies will begin to either pursue funding for implementation efforts or begin implementation efforts of the prioritized recommendations.

Dr. Ellis shared that one of the actions of the CEC will take up at its upcoming December meeting will be to review the list of budgetary/legislative requests and to also propose and solidify the topics or focus areas of the 2022 workgroups. Ellis told the group that a call for membership for the 2022 workgroups will be made early next year with the hope of convening the new groups no later than February. Ellis thanked the members for their efforts and said an update on the implementation efforts would be provided later.

WRAP UP, NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT

Education Strategy Group Senior Associate Lauren Norton introduced a survey and provided a link to ask for members' feedback and asked that the survey be completed no later than December 1. Commissioner Glass thanked members for their outstanding engagement and participation in the workgroup and thanked the members for their participation in all the 2021 workgroup meetings. Dr. Ellis reminded members to reach out with any questions and concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. ET.