

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum –: 9th Grade On Track 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) 9th Grade On Track 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: J’Nora Anderson, Nick Brooks, Dede Conner, Beth Kelly, Suzanne Farmer, Jan Sellers, and Lu Young.

The following members were not present: Autumn Bishop, Susan Cintra, Andrea McKeehan, Melanie Morrison, Kori Nolcox, and Angela Rowe.

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

WELCOME

9th Grade on Track Workgroup Co-Lead Jan Sellers welcomed all members of the workgroup and thanked them for their participation. Members were encouraged to keep their video on and to be as interactive and engaging as possible as they bring their unique experiences to the workgroup. Members were reminded where to find their workgroup meeting materials in the team’s google folder and the meeting agenda and purpose of the workgroup were reviewed. A debrief of the takeaways from the July meeting was given and a discussion on how the group’s work would be oriented around key issues and challenges identified by stakeholder feedback.

EXPLORE 9TH GRADE ON-TRACK DEFINITIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

Dr. Amanda Ellis shared the Evidence-based practices that were compiled by Education Strategy Group (ESG). Dr. Ellis discussed the strategies districts can employ and actions the state can take when addressing best practices to support 9th grade on track and that the first step is to define on-track for the state or provide guidance on what should be included in an on-track definition. The workgroup discussed the indicators that resonated with them when thinking of a student being on track and which of the state strategies the state should pursue. There was also a discussion on how state agencies can support school districts in implementing the strategies that were discussed.

OVERVIEW OF SEPTEMBER CEC SUMMARY

Dr. Amanda Ellis provided an overview of the workgroup summary that is to be presented at the September Commonwealth Education Continuum meeting and members discussed whether other indicators should be considered or what other resources may be available to support the work.

NEXT STEPS AND WRAP UP

Dr. Amanda Ellis thanked the workgroup members for their robust conversations and engagement during the meeting and reminded members of the next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. ET. Workgroup members were asked to provide feedback on the draft definition of 9th grade on track and to begin formulating recommendations for action.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m. ET.