

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

Redding Planning Meeting

January 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The virtual meeting started at 10:30 a.m. Co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Tizzy Lockman, greeted everyone.

Redding Consortium FY 22 Interim Recommendations Submitted to Governor

Lockman announced that there will be a virtual press conference on February 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Consortium's interim recommendations.

Work Group Updates

Haley Qaissaunee, Institute of Public Administration (IPA) staff, explained that co-chair Nnamdi Chukwuocha met with Lockman and the IPA team to determine the path forward for the Funding and Governance Work Group. They discussed the Work Group refocusing on governance in addition to crafting recommendations for funding reform. Qaissaunee added that the IPA staff support will draft a two-year plan and finalize it with the co-chairs. Lockman stated the Work Group will address both funding and governance topics due to capacity and political feasibility.

Chuck Longfellow, co-chair of the Settlement Work Group, stated the Settlement Work Group is preparing for their first official meeting. He added that prior to this first meeting, the scope and membership of the Work Group will be solidified. Aaron Bass, co-chair of the Settlement Work Group, explained the co-chairs are being strategic about membership. Lockman suggested that the Work Group have diverse representation but remain small. Longfellow asked the protocol for presenting recommendations quickly. Lockman responded to always check with the co-chairs and that all policy proposals had to be approved by the full Consortium. Bass said the Work Group plans to communicate with the other Work Groups to avoid duplicating efforts.

Lockman explained members of the Educator and Social Determinants Work Group met with the Delaware Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Raye Jones Avery, member of the Educator Work Group, and co-chair of the Social Determinants Work Group, said the meeting showed the Consortium's need to focus on diversifying not only the teacher workforce but all educators. Dawn Alexander, Social Determinants Work Group member, suggested the Consortium meet with Virginia Forcucci, the director of the teacher academies at the Delaware Department of Education. She added that the Consortium should discuss their recommendations at the Joint Finance Committee session.

Next Full Consortium Meeting Date—February 18, 2021

Lockman suggested the agenda for the next full Consortium meeting, February 18, 2021, include Work Group updates and upcoming legislation. Avery added the agenda include the state budget and its impact on funding the Consortium's recommendations.

Public Engagement

Qaissaunee stated she drafted the “public comment document,” which outlines questions raised during the full Consortium on December 13, 2020. Lockman responded she would work with Qaissaunee to craft responses to those questions.

Tika Hartsock member of the Social Determinants, Funding and Governance, and Settlement Work Groups, explained that she and Qaissaunee created the document “small meeting document,” which is a document with notes from non-public Consortium meetings. Lockman suggested the document be in a Google excel sheet. Hartsock added Consortium members would be editors on the document and members of the public can view it.

Jason Bourke, Delaware State University staff, met with Qaissaunee and Kelly Sherretz, IPA staff, and discussed the content of explanatory videos of the Consortium’s work. He said the first few videos will be about the purpose of the Consortium and Work Group tasks.

Public Comment

Amy Solomon suggested the Consortium direct their efforts to social emotional learning for students affected by the pandemic.

Meeting ended at 11:13 a.m.

Attendance

Consortium Members

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Dawn Alexander

Raye Jones Avery

Aaron Bass

Tika Hartsock

Chuck Longfellow

Jeff Menzer

Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff

Jason Bourke

Brendan Laux

Jerome Lewis

Fran O'Malley

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Haley Qaissaunee

Alexis Wrease

Members of the Public:

Amy Gallagher