

MEMO OF RECORD
Commonwealth Education Continuum

Type: Commonwealth Education Continuum – Early Postsecondary Opportunities: (EPSO) Access and Success Workgroup
Date: October 24, 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 October 24, 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, Dean Monarch, Becky Gilpatrick, Beth Hargis, Robin Hebert, Harmony Little, Julie Pile, Jenny Sawyer, Lisa Schmidt, Leslie Slaughter, Amy Tobin, and Trinity Walsh.

The following members were not present: Debbie Dennison, Jennifer Devine, Stephanie Emmons, Scott Necessary, Logan Rupard, and Regina Taylor.

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

WELCOME & AGENDA

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 with the goal to brainstorm recommendations for action, to co-create the organizing framework for the EPSO toolkit, to begin to identify potential resources to add to EPSO toolkit and to begin to identify gaps in available resources to assist with early postsecondary opportunities.

REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING OF THE CEC

Harmony Little provided a review of the recommendations that were brought forth by the 2021 EPSO workgroup to the CEC as well as the recommendations under consideration by the current workgroup to bring forward to the CEC. A report from the September 21, 2022 CEC meeting was provided by Harmony Little that highlighted the emerging ideas and suggested actions that came from discussions with the CEC. EPSO Workgroup Co-Lead Robin Hebert led a discussion regarding common priorities that were identified across the three CEC workgroups to ensure student success.

REVIEW STATE LEVERS

Robin Hebert led a discussion concerning utilizing current state levers including policy & accountability, communications, convening & professional learning, funding & incentives, data & research, and partnerships to effectively address the identified priorities to provide early postsecondary opportunities for students. The members divided into two breakout groups to discuss where their emerging recommendations fall within the identified state policy levers and to narrow down and prioritize recommendations to bring forward to the CEC. Each breakout group reported to the full group about the recommendations and ideas that emerged from their discussions.

EPSO TOOLKIT & NEXT STEPS

Education Strategy Group (ESG) Associate Briana Falduti led a discussion that explained the development of the EPSO toolkit and the purpose of it to support students and families around early postsecondary opportunities. It was stated that a goal of this year's EPSO workgroup is to give support in refining the vision for the toolkit and to identify existing resources to include and to offer feedback on the development of the toolkit. (ESG) Associate Janice Le led a discussion on the initial feedback received from cross state examples of EPSO toolkits. The potential structure of Kentucky's EPSO Toolkit was discussed, and members were given the opportunity to provide feedback as to whether the suggested toolkit categories capture the elements of an effective dual enrollment partnership and to determine if anything is missing or unclear. The members divided into two breakout groups to identify existing resources and tools in the state and to determine what resources and tools are needed but don't currently exist.

WRAP UP AND ADJOURNMENT

Harmony Little reminded the workgroup members of the next workgroup meeting on November 17, 2022 and the Student Success Summit that will occur February 27-28, 2023.

The workgroup members were reminded to contact the workgroup co-leads with any questions or concerns and to provide any additional feedback from the day's discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m. ET.