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Type: Regular Meeting
Date: March 16, 2022
Time: 1 p.m. ET
Location: Council on Postsecondary Education (Virtual via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

The Commonwealth Education Continuum (CEC) held a regular meeting on March 16, 2022 at 1 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 not permitted to attend the meeting in person but were encouraged to view the meeting on the Council on Postsecondary Education's YouTube channel.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, CPE President Aaron Thompson, KDE Education Commissioner Jason Glass, Sarah Akin, Eddie Campbell, James Tipton, David Horseman, Corinne Murphy, Priyadarshini Chandrashekhar, Jim Flynn, Diane Barber, Kathleen Christian, Paul Czarapata, Jenny Sawyer, Luke Mentzer, Logan Justice and Ashli Watts.

The following members were not present: Robert Hayes, OJ Oleka, Lisa Rudzinski, Rhonda Caldwell, Max Wise, Kerri Schelling, David Givens, Amy Neal, Lu Young Robert Jackson, Stefanie Ebbens Kingsley, Charles Aull and Dallas Kratzer.

WELCOME AND PURPOSE

Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman provided a welcome and thanked everyone for being a part of the work of the Continuum and shared that the meeting would focus on the implementation efforts aligned to the 2021 CEC recommendations that are underway



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and a review of the statewide data to inform the establishment of the 2022 CEC workgroups.

President Aaron Thompson thanked members of the Continuum for their time and commitment to improving the education pipeline for all students in Kentucky and reminded members of the purpose of the Continuum and the important role each member contributes to the success of the work.

Dr. Amanda Ellis briefly reviewed the meeting norms and thanked members for their continued commitment to serve on the Continuum.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Dr. Ellis spotlighted two items specific to the Successful Transition to Postsecondary: the Kentucky Advising Academy and the Summer Bridge Program Grants and introduced Destiny O'Rourke, Director of KAA to give a brief overview of the learning and support opportunities that will be offered in each region of the state.

Dr. Ellis highlighted the Summer Bridge grant awardees that included 29 grants representing twenty-five 2-year and 4-year public and private institutions and totaled 3.5 million dollars.

Dr. Ellis introduced the Commonwealth Education Continuum Data Team and its purpose to begin building an interdependent team to have the ability to provide the information requested by the CEC to make informed decisions and effectively track progress.

DATA INSIGHTS AND WORKGROUP DISCUSSION

Education Strategy Group (ESG) Associate Briana Falduti shared a PowerPoint presentation to review and discuss data that focused on 9th grade on-track, dual credit participation and completion, and postsecondary gateway course completion.

WORKGROUP DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ellis gave a brief overview of actions for Early Postsecondary Opportunities and shared three breakout rooms, 9th Grade on Track, EPO Access & Success and First Year Success and encouraged members to join a breakout group of interest.

Facilitators for each group captured feedback and suggestions including the purpose of the workgroup, deliverables, membership composition and additional data needs.



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Dr. Amanda Ellis thanked the members for engaging in great discussions and stated that their suggestions and input are appreciated and would be used to build out the workgroups and specific deliverables for each. The next steps were discussed including establishing workgroup membership and scheduling workgroup meetings. The members were reminded that the next meeting will occur June 15 at 1:00 p.m. ET.

The members were asked to complete a short survey to help get the establishment of the workgroups started and President Thompson thanked the members for being a part of the meeting and thanked them for their commitment to improving education.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. ET.