



Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership Meeting Notes

January 23, 2020

2:30pm-4:30pm

In Attendance

Ron Anderson, Sarah Burns, Paul Cerkvenik, Blake Chaffee, Lisa Demuth, Jeremiah Ellis, Meredith Fergus, Sara Gjerdrum, Aimee Guidera, Nathan Hallanger, Amanda Koonjbeharry, David LaPorte, Bob McMaster, Lauren Norton (telephone), Dennis Olson, Doug Paulson, Eugene Piccolo, Ryan Reyna (telephone), Mary Cathryn Ricker, Heather Starks, Julie Sweitzer, Ami Wazlawik, Chuck Wiger

Overview of October meeting and follow-up

Chair Anderson provided a brief overview of the last meeting's discussion, and the preliminary work that has been done to map the learner lifecycle.

- Meredith Fergus shared the progress of the workgroup, and posed three questions for the Partnership's consideration and direction:
 - How is this work different from other initiative work occurring across the state?
 - At what level are measures are we seeking? Individual level? Community level? State level?
 - What is the end goal of our work? Are we seeking to evaluate policy options or existing interventions? Develop strategies for future investments?
- Partnership member response:
 - We are seeking to understand the demographics of our learners and differences/gaps in outcomes by those demographic characteristics
 - We are seeking to understand the size and scope of current interventions, as well as their efficacy
 - The data are layered, and this we need all three levels: individual, systems, state
- Ryan Reyna shared what Education Strategy Group is seeing nationally:
 - Texas is grappling with the same questions. They are focusing on:
 - Information for the individual: what's available to people across systems and time;
 - Information for administrators: how well are people doing within my own system and preparing for the next system; and
 - Public policy/transparency: how are services being successful (or not). Related to this aspect, they are developing dashboards that breakdown results.
 - Oregon are asking different communities what they want measured
 - North Carolina is furthest along, with both state-level and county-level dashboards

- In addressing next steps, the existing workgroup (consisting of Meredith Fergus, Susan Carter, Amanda Koonjeharry, and Katie Misukanis) will connect with Aimee and overlay this discussion with the work that Education Strategy Group has identified, and work together to further build out the mapping and next steps. The workgroup will expand to include Aimee, Julie Sweitzer, and a representative from MDE.

Discussion of 2020 work goals and timeline

Building on the previous discussion, Ryan Reyna provided an overview of Education Strategies Group and their work with states across the country.

- Education Strategies Group was founded in Indiana, to assist systems and states in delivering high-quality, coherent education and training systems
- Their work is supported by the Joyce and Gates Foundations
- Education Strategies Group is a partner in Level Up, “a collaborative of state and national partners committed to measurably increasing the numbers of high school students prepared for and successfully transitioning to postsecondary education and training programs.”
- Through funding from the Joyce Foundation, Education Strategies Group is working with Minnesota to support the work of the P20 Education Partnership.

Aimee Guidera walked the group through a draft document outlining the scope Education Strategies Group’s work with the Partnership, including timelines and expected outcomes/deliverables.

- As outlined in the document titled “Supporting Postsecondary Transitions in Minnesota,” there are three focal areas for the work ahead, aligned with the P20 Partnership’s direction and work plan for the coming year:
 - Identifying and publicizing metrics across P20 that align to the state’s attainment goal;
 - Benchmarking the state’s postsecondary transition strategies; and
 - Supporting the development of a joint K12/higher education action plan grounded in mutually reinforcing goals.

Next Steps

Executive Committee (Chair Ron Anderson, Vice Chair Bob McMaster, Commissioner Ricker, and Commissioner Olson) will meet with Aimee Guidera and Ryan Reyna to review and update the engagement document, and to plan the next meeting of the P20 Education Partnership.

The expanded workgroup will also convene to advance the mapping work and prepare information and materials for the coming meeting.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2020 at 2:30pm.

Topics to address:

1. Landscape (mapping) review
2. Overview of dashboard examples and related work from other states