



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Steering Committee

December 16, 2015

10:00AM – 11:00AM

Telenet

Anne Wharff	Diana Rosenbrock	Lauri Morrison-Frichtl
Beth Knight	Donna Emmons	Laurie Rhodes
Christi Chadwick	Joellyn Whitehead	Lisa Downey
Christy Allen	Johnna Darragh-Ernst	Marsha Hawley
Dawn Thomas	Joni Scritchlow	Rebecca Livengood
Deb Widenhofer	Julie Lindstrom	Tammy Notter
Deborah Rogers-Jaye	Karen McCarthy	Teri Talan

Welcome – Deb Widenhofer and Marsha Hawley welcomed members to the telenet.

Review of the approval of the minutes (Attachment 1)

- October 21, 2015
 - Diana Rosenbrock moved to accept the minutes.
 - Tammy Notter seconded the motion.

Recap and Feedback from the PDAC Annual Meeting – Marsha Hawley

- 81 people attended.
- Acknowledgement of Jan Maruna, Dave Robisch, and Linda Saterfield for their years of service was well received.
- The McCormick Foundation was highlighted for their continued support of PDAC. Lindsay Cochrane, Senior Program Officer, attended for the Foundation.
- A sampling of Gateways to Opportunity Credential pilot institutions and practitioners were recognized for their work and participation in the pilot program.
- Albert Wat was the keynote speaker.
 - Focus on the IOM report, especially Recommendation 1, strengthening the qualifications requirements for education professionals.
 - This recommendation is similar to Stacie Goffin's work in defining the profession.
 - Albert engaged the audience with question and answer sessions during and after his remarks.
 - Discussion and comments from attendees regarding community college related to bachelor degrees and competencies.

Agenda Topics for the meeting at the Chateau on January 7th and 8th 2016 – Deb Widenhofer

- Need to prioritize our purpose and timeline.
- IOM Report
 - Each Steering member will receive links to the IOM report and summary before the meeting.

- A survey will be sent to each committee member to sort by importance the 13 recommendations based on what they feel is the top tier, middle tier, and bottom tier.
 - Staff will sort the responses to use for an exercise and discussion at the January meeting.
- Strategic Plan and connections to the IOM Report
 - Changing landscape on federal and state levels.
 - Each committee Co-Chairs need to review their goals and objectives to make sure they are relevant and if they have specific connectors to the IOM Report.
- Credential Competencies
 - Examples from other states and how Illinois might better organize and structure credentials.
- Recommendation from Workforce Development and Pathways Committee
 - The WDP Committee is drafting a recommendation to revise teacher qualifications for DCFS licensure requirements for licensed programs.
 - The recommendation will create continuity between DCFS staffing requirements and Gateways to Opportunity Credential Levels.
 - A timeline goal is 2025 - 2030.
- ELC PSQ Workforce Compensation Report
 - Integrate into future work of the Financial Supports Committee.
 - What are the next steps that PDAC Steering could contribute to the larger vision of the Financial Supports Committee?
- Infant Toddler Teacher Cohort
 - The McCormick Foundation awarded a grant to INCCRRA to partner with the Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) Chicago Public Schools (CPS), City of Chicago Quality Committee, and Illinois Head Start Association to train infant toddler teachers in health and safety, child development, and building relationships. There is a possibility of sharing these trainings with Illinois Head Start Association in the spring of 2016.
 - More than 400 infant toddler teachers, primarily in the Chicago metro area, were trained this fall.
 - Planning two additional cohorts in the spring of 2016 for several hundred more infant toddler teachers.
 - Will share at the January meeting data regarding the Infant Toddler workforce.
- Erikson Institute
 - Website development and online models are focused on the family childcare practitioner and their needs.
- What is missing or needs to be added?
 - Add an “elevator speech” to ensure Steering members are knowledgeable on current initiatives in development affecting the work of PDAC.
 - Select three or four topics for that each committee member would visit in a round-robin setting.
 - The two day model gives us the opportunity for rich discussions for the committee.
 - Joellyn Whitehead will share information on digital badging.
- Consensus on priority topics
 - IOM Report
 - Strategic Plan tied to the IOM Report

- Recommendation from WDP Committee
- Credential Competencies
- ELC PSQ Compensation Report
- Elevator Speech Activity
- Digital Badging
- Infant Toddler Cohort
- Erickson Institute

Adjourn

- Next Steering meeting will be held on January 7th and 8th at the Chateau Hotel in Bloomington.

