



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Steering Committee

January 8, 2015: 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

January 9, 2015: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

The Chateau

Agenda

Mission: To promote, support, and recognize professional preparation and training for all current and future early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners.

Vision: Illinois early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners are well-qualified professionals who educate, nurture, and meet the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families.

Values: We believe an effective professional development system is inclusive of practitioners in all settings serving children, youth, and families; service providers and program staff; and educators and trainers.

Day 1: January 8, 2015

10:00 AM **Welcome – Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer, co-chairs**

- Housekeeping
- Review of Agenda

10:15 AM **Review and Approval of Minutes – Deb Widenhofer, co-chair**

- December 17, 2014

10:30 AM **Setting the Stage: Federal and State Landscape – Valerie Krajec, facilitator**

- New Year's Resolution for PDAC
- Federal Direction
- Federal Initiatives underway
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Child Care Development Block Grant Reauthorization – *Anne Wharff and Cass Wolfe*
 - Key changes
 - Comprehensive Services
 - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Head Start – *Lauri Morrison Frichtl and Tammy Notter*
 - Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships
 - U.S. Department of Education: Preschool for All Expansion – *Donna Emmons and Karen McCarthy*
 - Grant

12:30PM – 1:00 PM Working Lunch

- United States Department of Education – *Johnna Darragh-Ernst*
 - Teacher Preparation
- Home Visiting – *Deb Widenhofer and Lauri Morrison Frichtl*
 - Structure and Funding
- State Initiatives and Landscape
 - Politics – change in parties/budgets/state agency impact – *Anne Wharff and Christi Chadwick*
 - Race-to-the-Top Early Learning Challenge – *Sharyl Robbin, Christi Chadwick and Christy Allen*

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- ExceleRate Illinois and Professional Development
- Credentials – *Marsha Hawley, Diana Rosenbrock and Joni Scritchlow*

2:45 PM Break

3:00 PM Synthesis of Landscape Discussion – *Valerie Krajec*

- Identify key take-ways from earlier discussions
 - Activity
- Remember Mia? – *Deb Widenhofer*
 - Story/Activity from PDAC Annual Meeting
 - Activity

3:45 PM Break

4:00 PM Work Underway in Relation to PDAC Strategic Plan VII – *Deb Widenhofer*

- PDAC Strategic Plan Phase VI Updates
- Training Integration and Alignment Discussions/follow-up

5:00 PM Setting the Direction for PDAC Strategic Plan VII – *Valerie Krajec, Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer*

- Landscape
 - Gateways Credentials
- Will this be a two- or three- year plan?
- Is there a theme? Over-arching thoughts or direction?

5:30 PM Adjourn

6:15 PM Dinner

Day 2: January 9, 2015

8:15 AM Breakfast Conversation

- What resonates from yesterday?
- Being mindful/keeping finger on the pulse of state/federal landscape

8:40 AM Opening – Recap Yesterday's Work

- Timeline for 2015 Strategic Planning

9:00 AM Collective Brainstorming: Key Goals for PDAC Strategic Plan VII

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM “Charge” to Each Committee

- Small Group work to flesh out goals and objectives

12:15 PM Committees Summarize for Sharing

12:45 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Working Lunch - Report Back from Committee Co-Chairs

- Does this “collectively” cover the most important work over the next 2 or 3 years?
- What’s missing?

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- Is there overlap/duplicative work between committees?
 - If so, redirect committees or assign co-chairs to sort it out
- Does this direction/plan move us toward Mia's Visioning activity?
 - How? Or Why Not?

1:20 PM Next Steps for Committees

- Reiterate timeline

1:30 PM Recommendations – Marsha Hawley, Qualifications and Credentials Committee co-chair

- Qualifications and Credentials Recommendation for the Gateways to Opportunity Infant Toddler Credential at Level 6
- Qualifications and Credentials Recommendation for Gateways to Opportunity ECE Credential at Level 6
- Qualifications and Credentials Recommendation for Gateways to Opportunity Illinois Director Credential
- PDAC Governance Recommendation: revised Operating Guidelines & Procedures

2:15 PM Utilizing our Time and Talents in the New Year

2:30 PM Adjourn



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