



# GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

## PDAC Steering Committee Agenda

February 21, 2018 - Telenet

10:00AM – 12:00PM

**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.

**10:00 AM Welcome** – Deb Widenhofer and Marsha Hawley, Co-Chairs

**10:05 AM Review and Approval of Minutes** – Marsha Hawley

- January 11 & 12, 2018

**10:10 AM PDAC Strategic Planning** – Deb Widenhofer and Marsha Hawley

- **Steering Goals and Objectives**
- Goal 1: Build and expand the diversity of Steering representation to maintain and improve the quality and stability of early care and education and school age and youth development workforce
  - Objective 1: Identify key state partners to be represented(e.g. DCFS, ICCB, special education)
  - Objective 2: Ensure representation across fields, geographic location, ethnicity and expertise in age ranges
- Goal 2: Set the strategic direction of PDAC
  - Objective 1: Plan and set strategies for PDAC incorporating key national research, direction and findings including the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s (NAEYC) Power to the Profession and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) into overall professional development plan.
  - Objective 2: Monitor current decision cycles for impact and alignment to PDAC Strategic Plan and the on-going work in Illinois.
- Goal 3: Develop Leadership Plan
  - Objective 1: Identify defined leadership characteristics relevant to PDAC
  - Objective 2: Identify potential leadership capacity in committee members for the tri-chair model

**11:00 AM PDAC Committee Strategic Plan Update**

- **Qualifications and Credentials met 2.6.18** – Teri Talan and Diana Rosenbrock, co-chairs
- **Higher Education met 1.19.18**–Cathy Main, co-chair
- **Financial Supports met 2.6.19**–Laurie Rhodes, co-chair
- **Information and Trends** co-chairs have reviewed document will meet with committee in March – Dawn Thomas, co-chair
- **Workforce Development and Pathways will meet 2.28.18**– Johnna Darragh Ernst, co-chair

**11:35 AM Updates:**

- **DCFS Childcare Advisory**
- **McCormick Planning Grant**
- **ELC Ad Hoc SB1829**

**11:50 AM Update on PDAC Committee Tri Chair Concept**

**12:00 PM Adjourn**

**FY18 PDAC Steering Meeting:**

- March 21, 2018 Face to Face
- May 2, 2018 Telenet
- June 20, 2018 Face to Face w telenet with PDAC

**FY18 PDAC Meetings:**

- April 27, 2017
- June 20, 2017 Telenet