

Illinois P-20 Council

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10:00am – 4:00pm

South Suburban College
Kindig Performing Arts Center, Theater Lobby
15800 State St. South
Holland, IL 60473

MINUTES

Participants: Karen Hunter Anderson, Ron Bullock, Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia for Rep. Flynn Currie, Dan Cullen for Dr. James Applegate, Lizanne DeStefano, Erika Hunt, Madelyn James for Gaylord Gieseke, Kurt Hilgendorf, Joyce Karon, Deb Kasperski, Mike Lamb for Audrey Soglin, Dea Meyer, Melissa Mitchell, Jane Russell, Julie Smith, Debra Strauss, Brian Spittle for Fr. Dennis Holtschneider, Miguel del Valle, Eric Zarnikow

Welcome and Introductions – Chairman Miguel del Valle

Chairman thanked South Suburban College (SSC) and President Manning for generously hosting the Council and providing a tour of the facilities on campus. He also thanked Council members and guests for attending. Lastly, he recognized special guests in attendance including

- *State Representative Linda Chapa LaVia*
- *Mr. David Hinderliter, President of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce*
- *Dr. Stacey McLunkins, Superintendent of Thornton Township High School District 205 (woman)*
- *Ms. Janice Stoettner, former Director of South Suburban EFE*
- *Dr. Lynette Stokes-Wilson, SSC Vice-President of Academic Services*
- *Ronald Kawanna, Assistant Vice President of Academic Services & Institutional Effectiveness*
- *Tom Govan, Dean of Liberal Arts and Business & Tech Programs*
- *Dr. Anna Helwig, Dean of STEM*
- *Matthew Beasland, Adult Education Database & Program Compliance Coordinator*
- *Christopher McElroy, Adult Education Transitions Coach*

Chairman indicated that the meeting would focus on career readiness piece of college and career readiness. The morning panels focused on adult learners, an important population which must be reengaged in order for the state to meet its 60 x 2025 goal, as well as career and technical education which is vital to our workforce readiness efforts. He welcomed the Council to introduce themselves before inviting President Don Manning to introduce the Council to the campus.

Welcome from Host – President Don Manning

President Manning welcomed the Council and thanked them for not only choosing South Suburban College but for making issues related to non-traditional students and workforce training the focus of the meeting. He recognized campus leaders in attendance and provided an overview of the student population at SSC and key programs. Chairman thanked President Manning for his remarks.

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes – Chairman Miguel del Valle

Chairman called for edits or additions to the draft minutes from the Council's April 2014 meeting. He noted that in an effort to save paper minutes were not printed but were sent to Council members and posted online. Minutes were approved as provided.

Presentation & Discussion on Adult Learners and Integrated Learning

Chairman discussed the need to reengage adult learners in order to reach 60 x 2025 goal by way of background before introducing the first panel of the day which featured the Accelerating Opportunities program. Nearly 20 colleges around the state are part of this effort to implement a unique approach to embedding adult basic education content into credit bearing courses which culminate in attainment of a degree. Programs featured on the panel included Parkland College industrial welding & South Suburban College's community health care workers program. He thanked Jennifer Foster for helping to coordinate the panel and welcomed her as the first presenter.

Presenters:

- *Jennifer Foster – Vice President of Adult Learners & Workforce Development, IL Community College Board (ICCB)*
- *Jane Stocker – Vice President of at South Suburban College*
- *Tawanna Nickens from Parkland College was unable to join*

Foster provided an overview of the programs including participating colleges, types of programs, and targeted strategies. Stocker gave detail about participating student population, community partnerships, types of coursework, and goals of the program. Following questions and discussion with the Council, Chairman thanked panelists for their participation on this important topic.

Career Readiness and Workforce Development Panel: Exploring the Landscape of Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Illinois

Chairman introduced the next panel which was intended to better understand the landscape of CTE in our state. He noted that the State makes a significant investment in CTE via a number of programs administered through several state agencies. We have invited reps from each of these agencies to provide an overview of # of served, delivery model,

different funding streams, and who is being served and where. He noted that the Council was excited to partner with the state agencies represented and thanked Anne Szkatulski for her willingness to moderate. Szkatulski introduced panelists.

Moderator: Anne Szkatulski – IL Department of Employment Security (IDES)

Panelists:

- Brian Durham – Senior Director for Academic Affairs & Career and Technical Education at IL Community College Board
- Cynthia Garcia – Executive Director of Northwest Education Council For Student Success, Education for Employment (EFE) 70
- Steve Parrott – Principal Consultant at IL State Board of Education
- Julio Rodriguez – Director of Program Services at IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

Garcia spoke about Education to Employment programs, which are regionally based and provide high school students with exposure to technical fields including job shadowing, problem based learning challenges, and career fairs. Durham described the packages of programs offered through the community college system aimed at providing clear pathways to industry recognized credentials and workforce certificates for students. Parrott provided an overview of the numbers of students in Illinois schools participating in CTE and what these programs typically entail. Rodriguez discussed DCEO programs aimed at improving access to CTE and college and career readiness resources and tools including programs that support individuals/job seekers, employers, and education and workforce partners.

Key takeaways included the need to better coordinate work across agencies and programs to ensure CTE and workforce training opportunities are easy to access and pursue. Additionally, panel and Council discussed the need for common language around similar sorts of efforts. Currently, education and workforce partners often refer to similar types of experiences using different language which can cause a disconnect between the entities.

Lunch

Council broke briefly for lunch.

CPS Truancy Task Force – Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia and Antoinette Taylor

Chairman welcomed Antoinette Taylor who helped to lead the work of the CPS Truancy Task Force along with Representative Linda Chapa LaVia. The Task Force's final report is due at the end of July. They were charged with reporting back on identifying and addressing barriers to chronic absenteeism.

Chair reminded the Council that at the meeting in Bloomington, Melissa Mitchell, Council member and CPS Truancy Task Force member, spoke to the work of the Task Force and the public hearings they were holding. The group brought their work back to the Council because they are bringing their work to a close and they will not be a standing committee so they are hoping to work with the Council to ensure that their recommendations move forward and the work carries on. Taylor shared key findings and recommendations including feedback received at public hearings. Specific recommendations and findings were outlined in the slides included in the packet. She indicated her hope to work with the Representative and the Council moving forward to advance the findings of the Task Force.

Discussion of Proposed Dual Credit Rule Changes – Karen Hunter Anderson, ICCB

Chairman welcomed Executive Director of ICCB to address the Council regarding proposed rule changes for dual credit. He prefaced the conversation by reinforcing the importance of early college credit in helping students to facilitate timely, cost effective completion. Dr. Hunter Anderson indicated that ICCB is proposing rules changes to bring clarity to the process and help strengthen dual credit system in Illinois. She noted that they would like to share this with the P20 Council to get feedback from the group.

Key changes focused on ensuring quality and rigor of courses. Slides from the presentation outlining specific changes were included in packet. Agency is also studying different funding mechanisms currently in place across the state for delivering dual credit.

Presentation on Outmigration Report – IL Education Research Council (IERC)

Eric Lichtenberger from IERC discussed their recent report on migration patterns of Illinois student who attend college outside the state. He shared key findings and policy implications for this work. Slides and an executive summary were included in the packet. Each year the state of Illinois experiences a net loss of roughly 11,000 students. Outmigrants are less likely to gain employment in Illinois after graduation than those who attend college in Illinois. Many outmigrants are academically talented students which is problematic for human capital development particularly because many of these students hold degrees in high demand industries.

Committee Updates

- a. Data, Assessment, and Accountability – Robin Steans and Dea Meyer
Committee co-chairs provided update on large scale student assessment study. Stakeholder focus groups were convened following an initial survey. Full report prepared by IL State University from study was provided in the electronic packet. Hard copy packet has cover letter.
- b. Teacher and Leader Effectiveness – Erika Hunt
 - i. Diverse Educator Pipeline Working Group
Hunt noted that the line item in the ISBE budget to support the work of the group was not included in the legislature’s budget. She discussed alternative sources of funding for the Diverse Education Learning Exchange and indicated the group would move forward to work with ISBE on releasing a request for information. She also provided an update on Grow Your Own related legislation.
- c. School, College, and Career Readiness – John Rico
 - i. Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness
Co-chair provided an update on discussions with Rep. Chapa LaVia to codify key pieces of the PWR Framework which was previously approved by the Council.

- d. Family, Youth, and Community Engagement – Joyce Karon and Deb Strauss
Co-chairs provided an update on the stakeholder meeting committee they held with Susie Morrison from ISBE regarding provisions of the waiver and impact on special populations including students with special needs and English Learners. ISBE indicated they would welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee moving forward. Handouts from ISBE website on waiver included in packet. Negotiations with the US Department of Education are ongoing.
- e. Implementation Review
Co-chairs have continued to work closely with the Data, Assessment, and Accountability Committee to ensure feedback around assessments is thorough but streamlined. Group has also outlined specific topics on which they intend to gather feedback from key stakeholders via survey and focus groups in each of their focus areas: 1) collection and use of student and educator data 2) educator performance evaluation 3) Common Core aligned IL Learning Standards. The Committee's Project Plan with tentative timeline included in the packet.

Agency Announcements and Updates

- *DCEO – George Letavish indicated that the Illinois Pathways Interagency Committee as well as the Illinois Pathways Advisory Committee were very focused on developing a sustainability plan to ensure that the STEM Learning Exchanges are able to continue. It was also noted that the Office of Education System Innovations at Northern Illinois University has prepared a report outlining the reach and activities of the Exchanges. Copies were made available at the meeting.*
- *IBHE – Dan Cullen attended for Dr. James Applegate and shared an update on STEM Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) Resolution passed by IBHE Board.*
- *ICCB – Dr. Hunter Anderson indicated that the agency was working to complete an economic impact study which it would share with the Council at a later date. Also, they are undertaking a workforce development joint strategic plan with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.*
- *ISBE – Dr. Chris Koch discussed various agency updates including movement in the student data privacy work group which was jointly convened by the Council and ISBE to further analyze policies and practices related to the collection and use of student data.*
- *ISAC – Erica Zarnikow provided an update on take away's from this year's College Changes Everything conference as well as the agency's charge by the state legislature to look into Pay It Forward tuition programs.*

Adjourn

Chairman thanked members, presenters, and guests for participating and South Suburban for graciously hosting. He noted that the date of the next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday, October 23, 2014.