

## Illinois P-20 Council Meeting

October 23, 2014  
10:00am – 4:00pm

Chicago – JRTC, 100 W Randolph, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Room 2-025  
Springfield – ICCB, 401 E. Capitol, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Video Conference Room  
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### Minutes

Chicago: Karen Hunter Anderson, Ben Boer, Miguel del Valle, Theresa Hawley, Kurt Hilgendorf, Janet Holt, Madelyn James for Gaylord Gieseke, Joyce Karon, Chris Koch, Dave Lowitzki, Dea Meyers, Sharon Thomas Parrott, Laurel Prussing, Jane Russell, Julie Smith, Audrey Soglin, Brian Spittle for Fr. Dennis Holtschneider, Debra Strauss, Jose Torres, Eric Zarnikow

Springfield: Jim Applegate, Brian Chapman for Randy Dunn, Lizanne Destefano, Erika Hunt, Al Phillips for Jim Applegate, Gary Tipsord

Phone: Representative Chapa LaVia for Barbara Flynn Currie, Ben Schwarm for Roger Eddy

#### I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Miguel del Valle welcomed the group and called the meeting to order with introductions. He welcomed a few new members or special guests:

- Jose Torres, new council member in Chicago
- Dave Lowitzki, new council member in Chicago
- Gary Tipsord, new council member in Springfield
- Dr. Mark Daniels, new Unit 5 superintendent in Springfield
- Brian Chapman, attending in Springfield on behalf of Southern Illinois University (SIU) President Randy Dunn

#### II. Review of Minutes for Approval

Chairman del Valle entreated a motion to approve the minutes from July 23, 2014. The minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

#### III. Update on Longitudinal Data System (LDS)

John Evans, Chairman of the IL Longitudinal Data System Governance Board, introduced himself and provided an update on progress on the state's Longitudinal Data System. Evans explained that an interagency governance committee would agree to submit data to a central demographic dataset which uses standard forms and procedures and enforces the terms of data sharing agreements which involve the agency. Evans explained that the group had to decide between two proposals for a Common Demographic Dataset Administrator—the first was an interagency team including the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, but the one chosen was headed by Northern Illinois University because it has more experience in the field. At this point, Evans explained, the group is at a point where it can build the role of the

administrator to maintain a master client index, develop a batch file exchange, perform identity resolution, and maintain a confidence rating in terms of identities. Evans explained that this new data system would move from a patchwork system to a more systematic and standardized approach to data use and collection, which would make the state's data usage much more efficient.

The floor was opened for questions. Council discussion focused on plans for work to connect disparate data from state agencies, communications plans, and . Specifically, several Council members noted that clearly communicating to various stakeholder groups why this work is important, what has been done to date to develop the LDS, and what types of information will be made available through the development of the LDS. Target stakeholder groups included parents, educators, administrators, and researchers.

#### **IV. Update on Student Data Privacy and Security Working Group**

Nikki Bazer and Peter Godard from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) provided an update on the legislation that was brought up this past legislative session to address data privacy and security concerns. Bazer provided an overview of these types of bills nationwide and of the work Illinois' working group. Godard provided an overview of the group, which included the types of data collected, access and use by type, and current security protocol. Bazer explained the timeline moving forward, which would include creating a crosswalk of legislation to explore data needs and privacy concerns, particularly with respect to third-party vendors.

The floor was opened to discussion. Council discussion focused on current data sources and uses of student data including the IL School Report Card and the High School to College Success Report. A question regarding IEP compliance data was asked and ISBE indicated that this information is monitored at the local level. Council also discussed collection, use, and reporting of educator data including information on educator turnover and whether a target should be established for this figure. ISBE indicated that a target was not established because educators leave for too wide a range of reasons to know what an appropriate number would be.

#### **V. Discussion of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver**

Susie Morrison, Deputy Superintendent at the Illinois State Board of Education, provided an overview of the provisions of Illinois' waiver to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, No Child Left Behind), including its implications for the accountability systems and the allocation of Title funding. Conversation focused structure of multiple measures and accountability system. Question regarding districts opting out was asked and ISBE indicated that there would need to be more discussion.

#### **VI. Lunch**

The Council took a brief lunch break.

#### **VII. College Affordability and Student Debt Panel**

A panel discussion centered around affordability of college, student debt burden, and the continued value of a college education and postsecondary training took place.

Moderator: Eric Zarnikow, Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Panelists: Sylvia Jenkins, President, Moraine Valley Community College; Paula Luff, Vice President for Enrollment Services, DePaul University; Tom Sakos, Director of Student Lending and Regulatory QA, Devry Inc.

Key takeaways from the panel included ways to support students throughout their college career, the rising costs of college, disparity between cost of attendance and access to financial aid, and changing student demographics.

#### **VIII. Education to Employment Talent Pipeline Project**

George Letavish, Policy Analyst in the Governor’s Office, reviewed the National Governor’s Association grant for which Illinois had applied. While Illinois was not selected as a fund recipient, Letavish explained that Illinois is the recipient of support and advice from NGA’s council and as such was able to attend a workshop in Seattle and learn from other states’ work. Letavish explained the highlights of the proposal and steps moving forward, including a focus on three populations of adult learners, leveraging existing projects and resources, the importance of accelerated learning opportunities and regional deployment models, and the use of partnerships and data.

Discussion with the Council focused on work to identify competencies in growing career areas and helping to guide students in the development of pathways from college to careers including the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Framework and a number of projects underway through the community college system.

#### **IX. Presentation on Illinois’ Preschool Expansion Grant Proposal and ExceleRate Update**

Theresa Hawley, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development, provided an overview of the Preschool Expansion Grant made available by the federal government to states. Two hundred and fifty million dollars was made available nationwide and up to \$20 million/year over 4 years was available for Illinois. She noted the focus of this grant on creating new high-quality, full-day preschool spots for the most at-risk children in Illinois. She explained the many stipulations of the grant, including that 95% of money must be given to sub-grantees each year. Hawley explained that this works very well with the Governor’s Early Childhood priorities, which plan for eighty percent of children to be ready for kindergarten by 2021.

Hawley noted that the vision of the proposal was a continuum of high quality services and supports for the most at-risk kids with an opportunity for continued systems development. Hawley explained some extra criteria for participating programs, which included having staff salaries comparable to those of K-12 teachers, an instructional coordinator, and mental health consultation. She also noted the inclusion of comprehensive services and plans for matching funds.

Hawley explained the outreach and application progress for each sub-grantee selected, as well as certain requirements for communities who are participating in what is being called the “More at Four” program. She noted the overall plan for expansion which is built on the state’s Birth to Five initiative. She explained that the state will be notified by late December and will begin implementation, if selected, in January.

Hawley then provided an overview of the ExceleRate program, which went live over the past few months. She explained that this rating system helps to drive program quality while enabling families to identify services that best meet their needs. . She provided an overview of the marketing and outreach strategy.

## **X. Committee Updates**

### **a. Data Assessment and Accountability (DAA)**

Dea Meyer explained that in addition to privacy another big discussion in DAA Committee has been the implementation of PARCC, including its strengths and weaknesses. The Committee's project proposal includes follow-up stakeholder surveys on PARCC implementation, a crosswalk of WorkKeys and PARCC, and training and support for teachers and administrators on making use of data from PARCC to inform planning and instruction.

### **b. Family, Youth, and Community Engagement**

Joyce Karon discussed meetings the Committee had with Susie Morrison and Reyna Hernandez surrounding the ESEA Waiver, including the ways in which the committee could help such as helping to convene ad hoc committees to provide feedback on key issues for implementation. The Committee hopes to create a newsletter or other communications materials to provide regular updates on the work of the Council and relevant initiatives that can go out through email.

### **c. Implementation Review Committee**

Jane Russell reviewed progress on survey development as well as the Committee's timeline. Survey set to launch before the holidays.

### **d. Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness (PWR) Joint Working Group**

Ben Boer, on behalf of Committee Chair John Rico, explained that PWR has been working on a proposal to update graduation requirements and figure out how to get students both caught up and sped up through dual credit.

### **e. Teacher and Leader Effectiveness**

Audrey Soglin explained the group's work on the Diverse Educator Pipeline as well as Teacher Leadership endorsement. Soglin explained that the Committee is working closely with ISBE and other programs focused on the recruitment, retention, and development of minority teachers. Laurel Prussing recommended the group invite Senator Manar speak with the group about teacher leadership. Committee plans to begin work with Teacher of the Year Pam Reilly around mentorship and teacher leaders in the winter.

## **XI. Agency Updates**

Chris Koch provided an update on the Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) budget proposal plus their comments on SB16. Finally, ISBE has been attending many town hall meetings and working on communications around key initiatives with groups throughout the state.

Karen Hunter Anderson explained that the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) is working on two projects: an economic impact study being released on November 12<sup>th</sup> and a workforce education strategic plan in partnership with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Al Phillips provided an Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) for Jim Applegate, who had to leave early. He explained that the group is in the middle of budget reviews and recommendations, including a presentation on the impact of education funding over the last fifteen years. Additionally, the Board is pursuing its four priorities aggressively and has created action teams for each priority.

Jose Torres introduced himself as the President of the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) and the ways in which he hopes to improve leadership at IMSA, starting with the appointment of a new principal.

Janet Holt of the Illinois Education Research Center (IERC) discussed the group's annual symposium as well as a local breakfast panel on supporting K-12 students in math and science.

Eric Zarnikow provided updates on ISAC, including pay-it-forward, pay-it-back funding ideas, the importance of getting the word out about MAP grants as we prepare for FY16, and the Commission's meeting last week ,at which the group approved a new enrollment period.

## **XII. Other Business & Announcements**

Chairman del Valle announced that the annual P-20 Council report is available through the P-20 website.

## **XIII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm. The next quarterly meeting of the Council is scheduled for January 2015.