

# OVAE *Next Steps Work Group*

Office of Vocational and Adult Education  
Division of Academic and Technical Education  
Accountability and Performance Branch

## **NEXT STEPS WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALL**

January 8, 2008

2:00 – 3:00 P.M. (ET)

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

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*The Next Steps Work Group (NSWG) is a voluntary information-sharing network comprised primarily of state and Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) staff to dialog topics of common interest related to Carl D. Perkins Act compliance and data reporting. NSWG summaries attempt to capture many of the questions and comments, and are not intended to be the definitive source for specific OVAE policy.*

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The January meeting convened at 2:00 PM EST with a welcome from the host and a brief overview of the agenda.

Jim S. introduced John Haigh, OVAE ([john.haigh@ed.gov](mailto:john.haigh@ed.gov)) staff to report on OVAE updates.

### **OVAE UPDATES**

**Preparations for Upcoming Performance Negotiations**— John H. indicated a memo, to be prepared and sent from Ed Smith, would be sent to State CTE Directors regarding performance negotiations and state plan revisions. States will have the opportunity to renegotiate performance; however, it is unclear whether a state can renegotiate performance during a particular program year that is currently underway. Sharon Miller will research this topic and a response will be distributed through NSWG.

### **TECHNICAL SKILL SUB-GROUP**

Sharon E. introduced Gabriela Borcoman, Texas ([gabriela.borcoman@thecb.state.tx.us](mailto:gabriela.borcoman@thecb.state.tx.us)) to give an update of the work being done by the Technical Skills Sub-Group. Gabriela reported there has been one conference call with another being scheduled toward the end of January. The Sub-Group is reviewing technical skill assessment strategies reported in Perkins state plans and will also review 2007-2008 Perkins CAR narratives. A specific action will be preparing a definition for “technical skills”.

#### **2008-2009 NSWG Co-Chairs**

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### **PEER COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE NETWORK (PCRN)**

Kathy W. summarized survey results received for enhancements to the usability of the PCRN website (<http://cte.ed.gov/index.cfm>). There were 37 surveys returned which were evenly distributed among secondary, postsecondary and Tech Prep respondents. Kathy prepared a survey summary and the summary will be distributed to the NSWG along with the January call summary. Kathy encouraged folks to submit a survey by January 31, 2009 if they haven't already at:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SpJgCvu\\_2bZuKR6FWobc4gDQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SpJgCvu_2bZuKR6FWobc4gDQ_3d_3d)

General comments for web site improvement focused on keeping PCRN content updated and removal of outdated material. There was a suggestion to add a frequently asked questions/blog/discussion section that could include content such as archived presentations, OVAE contacts and technical assistance documents on uses of Perkins funds and technical skill assessments.

## **TECH PREP**

Dennis F. reported that all is quiet on the Tech Prep front. The National Association for Tech Prep Leadership (<http://www.natpl.org/>) is updating the directory of state Tech Prep contacts.

Dennis also reminded call participants of the May 12-14, 2009 National Association of Career and Technical Education Information (NACTEI) conference being held in Albuquerque NM. (<http://www.nactei.org>)

## **2007-2008 PERKINS CAR FEEDBACK**

Jim S. offered call participants an opportunity to provide feedback on their recent experience with their 2007-2008 CAR submission.

General feedback was positive with the suggestion for additional guidance on narrative responses for technical skill assessments and programs of study. There was a request for additional technical assistance on the level of detail expected for program improvement plans. Data entry was reported as being very smooth.

There was a specific request made to reconsider the reporting categories for gender and continue using the "unknown" category. The limitation of reporting only "male" or "female" creates a dilemma for postsecondary institutions that offer online courses and do not require registered students to indicate gender. Without the "unknown" category, some postsecondary institutions may underreport the number of CTE students served.

A request was made to conduct a discussion prior to the 2008-2009 CAR submission on the reporting of accountability data for measures, such as placement, which include a number of sub-indicators. It was agreed this would be a good topic for future discussion.

A question was raised by a postsecondary call participant on the reporting of migrant data. It was reinforced by OVAE staff the reporting of migrant data applies to secondary only, not postsecondary. Requests were made by some postsecondary call participants for OVAE staff to confirm this position in writing.

The primary discussion on this topic focused on the alignment of implementation timelines for the transition from 1977 race/ethnicity standards to the 1997 race/ethnicity standards. It appears that EDEN/EDFacts (<http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/edfacts/index.html>) has a 2010-2011 implementation year for K-12, but IPEDS has a different implementation timeline which requires full implementation for the 2011-2012 year (<http://nces.ed.gov/IPEDS/reic/resource.asp>); ([http://www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/submit\\_data/changes0809.asp](http://www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/submit_data/changes0809.asp)). Given the recent CAR submission, states were limited to making a single state selection for the race/ethnicity standards used. Since secondary and postsecondary CTE in some states will be on different implementation timelines for the 1997 race/ethnicity standards, guidance is being requested on how to handle this circumstance.

It was suggested a sub-group be assembled to offer recommendations on this topic. States interested in participating in this race/ethnicity sub-group are to notify Jim S. of their interest. During the call, representatives from CA, MI, MT, NY and TX expressed their desire to participate in the discussion. Jim S. will assemble a group and request a facilitator to coordinate this self-directed sub-group.

## **NEXT CALL**

**February 5, 2009; 2:00-3:00 PM ET**

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