

OVAE *Next Steps Work Group*

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NEXT STEPS WORK GROUP CALL SUMMARY

October, 2009 | 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. (ET)

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

Jim S. mentioned the attachment of the 2009-2010 NSWG call schedule to the October NSWG agenda. Jim indicated the dates are firm, but the topics are tentative to accommodate other topics that may require NSWG attention during the year. NSWG participants are invited to offer any comments on the call schedule in the next few days. The 2009-2010 NSWG call schedule will then be posted on PCRN.

OVAE UPDATES

John H. provided updates on the following:

- 2009 CAR Preparations and Feedback from CAR trainings—two CAR trainings have been conducted and seemed to have gone very well. Recommendations made by the NSWG have been incorporated into the CAR. E-mails to the appropriate state staff have been sent containing log-in information and the approval PINs for the State Director and the individual who approves the Financial Status Reports (FSR). The link to the 2009 CAR web site is: <http://www.perkinscar.com/>
- Technical Assistance to States—a letter has been sent to state directors by Sharon Miller, OVAE, announcing a new round of customized technical assistance to support the development and refinement of Perkins IV accountability systems. Two new areas have also been added for technical assistance: 1) helping states assess data on outcomes for students who pursue a program of study; and 2) exploring the potential for a performance-based funding system. If there are questions, contact John Haigh, OVAE, or Amanda Richards, MPR Associates, Inc. at arichards@mprinc.com or 503-963-3758.
- Circular A-11 (document attached to NSWG call agenda)—John H. shared that OVAE will be preparing a plan describing how they, as an office, will establish a procedure for verifying and validating data that it reports in its annual performance plans and reports. The verification and validation framework may have some utility for states as they review their data processes.
- PCRN Bulletin Board—John H. announced there would be a public bulletin board feature added to PCRN. The intent is to provide a venue for states to communicate with each other on topics pertaining to Perkins accountability. The bulletin board will require registration for a user name and password. John H. encouraged NSWG participants to join the bulletin board when it is launched in late October.

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DATA QUALITY MEETING (DQM) | December 1-2-3, 2009 | Maritime Institute, Baltimore MD

John H. shared that 41 states and 93 individuals were currently registered for the DQM. States not yet registered are encouraged to complete their registration. The DQM registration site is: <http://dqj.ovae.org/index.cfm>

Some of the featured topics will be state longitudinal data systems (SLDS), Data Quality Campaign, technical skill assessment, tracking Program of Study participation, and tech prep measures. States are encouraged to bring materials to the DQM that might be helpful during the discussions such as measurement approaches for the performance indicators and processes to track Program of Study students.

LOCAL PERFORMANCE NEGOTIATIONS

Based on feedback during the selection of 2009-2010 NSWG topics, negotiation of local performance levels surfaced as an accountability topic of interest. Representatives from Ohio and Michigan presented their state process for negotiating local performance levels. Documents providing detail on each state's negotiation process were attached to the NSWG agenda and will be posted on PCRN as part of the October 2009 NSWG call materials.

OHIO | Sharon Enright; sharon.enright@ode.state.oh.us

Sharon explained Ohio's negotiation process and the use of a formula to establish a local performance level as the basis for negotiation. Ohio's process is used to negotiate secondary, postsecondary, and adult performance levels. Detailed materials describing Ohio's process are posted on PCRN.

MICHIGAN | Jill Kroll; krollj1@michigan.gov

Jill explained Michigan's negotiation process that asks local recipients to either accept the state level of performance or request to negotiate a different performance level. The process Jill described is used for negotiating secondary performance levels. There is currently no formalized postsecondary negotiation process. Detailed materials describing Michigan's process are posted on PCRN.

During follow-up discussion, Minnesota volunteered to describe their negotiation process.

MINNESOTA | JoAnn Simser; joann.simser@so.mnscu.edu

JoAnn explained how Minnesota negotiates with 26 local consortia. Minnesota's consortia negotiation process includes an analysis of local and state performance levels. This analysis determines suggested consortia performance targets that are negotiated. Technical assistance workshops focusing on local performance improvement are provided to Consortia. Details on the technical assistance workshops can be found at:

<http://www.cte.mnscu.edu/calendar/training.html>

A question was asked of the three states on what consequences do locals face if they do not meet negotiated performance levels. They each responded with:

- OHIO: requirement for locals to submit a performance improvement plan. Analysis of some local performance levels has indicated inaccuracies in data reporting can negatively impacted performance levels.
- MICHIGAN: 1st and 2nd years, requirement for locals to submit a performance improvement plan; 3rd year, potential of withholding Perkins funds.
- MINNESOTA: 1st and 2nd years, requirement for consortia to submit a performance improvement plan; 3rd year, potential of withholding Perkins funds.

NSWG participants are encouraged to contact any of the presenters for any follow up questions.

NEXT CALL

November 5, 2009; 2:00-3:00 PM ET

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Tentative Topics: CAR-EDEN Transition | Tech Prep Data Reporting

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