

OVAE *Next Steps Work Group*

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NEXT STEPS WORK GROUP CALL

August 6, 2009 | 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. (ET)

CALL SUMMARY

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

OVAE UPDATES

American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)—John Haigh encouraged state CTE data staff to include CTE data as state departments of education prepare applications for ARRA funding. Specifically, share the longitudinal secondary CTE data that has been accumulated in the area of standards and their assessments.

Data Quality Institute (DQI): *Leveraging Linkages*; December 2009—Marie Buker, OVAE [marie.buker@ed.gov] reported on the planning for the December 2009 Data Quality Institute (DQI). DQI dates have been set for **December 1-2-3, 2009**. The location will be the **Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, Baltimore MD** [<http://www.ccmit.org>]. The December 2009 DQI schedule will be consistent with previous DQIs with a 1/2 day-full day-1/2 day schedule.

OVAE will support DQI participation with travel and lodging for one (1) individual from each state, with the possibility of a second individual to facilitate secondary and postsecondary participation. States are encouraged to send additional representatives at the state's expense. An informal poll was conducted during the call to determine if there were any states facing travel limitations based on state policy that would restrict their ability to participate in the DQI. Please keep John and/or Marie informed regarding your travel circumstances, especially if you will be unable to travel based on state travel restrictions.

When the agenda and the registration process are finalized, notification will be distributed through numerous networks including NSWG.

An inquiry was made about having postsecondary CTE State Director calls or including postsecondary State Directors included on the State CTE Director calls. John H. responded that he had no information about starting postsecondary calls but would carry the inquiry forward for consideration.

CTE Program & Occupational Crosswalk Updates

Kathy Wilkins, MT and NSWG Co-Chair, introduced the topic and the desire to have a consistent data source for reporting. The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) appears to be the most common source for crosswalk data related to CTE programs. Kathy mentioned the work of the National Crosswalk Service Center (NCSC) [<http://www.xwalkcenter.org/>] to maintain crosswalks using SOC/O*NET/CIP. The State Director Career Clusters group added the clusters and career pathways were added by Dick Dempsey. However, this updating work is incomplete. Discussions have begun on how to complete and validate updated crosswalks

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Kathy introduced Pradeep Kotamraju [pradeep.kotamraju@nrccte.org] with the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education to convey NRCCTE interest in facilitating the completion of the crosswalk updating. Items mentioned to facilitate this work include:

- Validation of existing crosswalks,
- Using the new CIP, SOC and O*NET codes all of which are either out or will be in a few months,
- Developing a system to incorporate feedback and update the crosswalks regularly, and
- Designating a crosswalk contact to work with NCSC, State Directors, National Research Center, ACTE, NAPE, and other appropriate groups to assure the crosswalks on the various websites are updated and the most current.

Pradeep mentioned the possibility of extending the scope of the current postsecondary data dictionary work to include the validation of CIP/pathways and CIP/SOC crosswalks.

This is a topic that will be continued during future NSWG calls.

DISAGGREGATED INDICATOR RECOMMENDATIONS

[Recommendation report included with summary]

Sharon Enright, OH and NSWG Co-Chair, and Jim Donsbach, NY [jdonsbac@mail.nysed.gov] reported on the recommendations offered by a NSWG sub-group to clarify the disaggregated indicator definitions and reporting. During the July 9 conference call, participants were invited to e-mail comments, questions and suggestions for changes to Jim Schoelkopf. All input has been reviewed and the recent draft reflects input received.

This process is moving faster than anticipated. The sub-group learned there may be a window of opportunity to implement the recommended changes in the FY09 CAR – hence, the need to report these recommendations.

What will **NOT** change:

- Core indicator of performance definitions.
- Negotiated performance levels.

Recommended changes for the CAR:

- Change to “Disaggregated indicator” terminology.
- Report disaggregated student counts. Do not calculate performance levels on the disaggregated indicator.
- Change disaggregated indicator categories and definitions for 3S1, 5S1 and 4P1/4A1.
- Eliminate disaggregated indicator categories for 3P1/3A1.

Sharon E. and Jim D. briefly reviewed the recommended secondary changes and postsecondary changes. Thanks were extended to members of the sub-group for their work on the recommendations. Appreciation was extended to OVAE staff for their prompt consideration and endorsement of the disaggregated indicator recommendations.

John H. reported the NSWG recommendations have been reviewed by OVAE DATE and policy staff. OVAE agrees with the recommendations and will accommodate changes to the December 2009 CAR reporting forms, pending final approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

PERKINS CAR-EDEN ALIGNMENT SUB-GROUP STATUS UPDATE

Jay Savage, OVAE [jay.savage@ed.gov] updated the NSWG on the status of discussions between OVAE and the EDEN/EdFacts team on the alignment of the file specifications between the Perkins secondary performance measures and the EDEN CTE reporting files (N082-concentrator who left school; N083-concentrator graduates; and N142-concentrator academic attainment). Jay offered appreciation to the CAR-EDEN Alignment sub-group for the analysis they conducted to surface more in-depth alignment issues. Although many of the secondary data file specification “disconnects” between the Perkins CAR reporting and the EDEN/EdFacts reporting have been identified, there will be ongoing analysis to enable the secondary CTE data reporting transition from the Perkins CAR to EDEN.

The secondary CTE file specifications for EDEN reporting will be based on the secondary Perkins performance measures as defined by the non-regulatory guidance issued by OVAE. If a state has negotiated and received OVAE approval for an alternative secondary Perkins measurement definition, states will report EDEN CTE data using the negotiated Perkins alternative definition.

CAR-EDEN Alignment sub-group members reported on their analysis for each of the three EDEN CTE file specifications. The reports highlighted alignment “disconnects” to be addressed by OVAE and EDEN/EdFacts staff.

Much of the NSWG call discussion was on the timing of the transition to the EDEN reporting platform. If states have not already made contact with their state’s EDEN liaison, state CTE accountability staff are encourage to do so to facilitate the transition. Jay S. outlined the transition timeline and it is summarized in the chart below:

Secondary Perkins CAR Transition to EDEN
ANTICIPATED Secondary CTE Reporting Implementation Plan

Timeline	CAR	EDEN/EdFacts
Dec 2009 (SY 2008-2009)	Enrollment Secondary: 2S1, 4S1, 5S1, 6S1, 6S2 Postsecondary: 1P1, 2P1, 3P1, 4P1, 5P1, 5P2 Adult Measures Tech Prep Narrative Fiscal	Secondary: 1S1, 1S2, 3S1 Secondary: 6S1 numerator Secondary: 6S2 numerator
Dec 2010 (SY 2009-2010)	Enrollment 2S1, 4S1, 5S1, 6S1, 6S2 Postsecondary: 1P1, 2P1, 3P1, 4P1, 5P1, 5P2 Adult Measures Tech Prep Narrative Fiscal	Secondary: 1S1, 1S2, 2S1, 3S1, 4S1, 5S1, 6S1, 6S2
Dec 2011 (SY 2010-2011)	Enrollment Postsecondary: 1P1, 2P1, 3P1, 4P1, 5P1, 5P2 Adult Measures Tech Prep Narrative Fiscal	Secondary: 1S1, 1S2, 2S1, 3S1, 4S1, 5S1, 6S1, 6S2
Dec 2012 (SY 2011-2012)	Enrollment Postsecondary: 1P1, 2P1, 3P1, 4P1, 5P1, 5P2 Adult Measures Tech Prep Narrative Fiscal	Secondary: 1S1, 1S2, 2S1, 3S1, 4S1, 5S1, 6S1, 6S2

Anticipated reporting implementation plan provided by Jay Savage, OVAE

CLOSING NOTE

Jim S. encourages NSWG participants to offer suggestions of Perkins accountability topics for next year's conference calls. Please consider topics that have relevance to advancing Perkins data quality and accountability. Also, consider relevance to secondary **and** postsecondary participants when thinking of topics. Feel free to submit suggested topics to Jim S. at jschoelkopf@mprinc.com.

NEXT CALL

September 3, 2009; 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Call Number: 866-390-5250

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Tentative Topics: DQI Logistics & Preparation; Identification of 2009-2010 NSWG Call Topics

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