

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity
Social Determinants Work Group
September 24, 2020
Meeting Minutes

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Welcome

Meeting started at 5pm. Quick introduction, housekeeping ‘rules.’ Attendance was taken using the Chat feature in Zoom.

Reviewing Charge

R. Jones-Avery reviewed the charge with the group: “To review strategies, partnerships and innovative approaches to improve outcomes of children from birth through high school and look at strategies that have promise as best practices related to academics and outside of the academic sphere.” We refer to those as the social determinants of success. We focus on students of Wilmington and New Castle County. We are different in developing a set of actionable items that will go to the full Consortium and General Assembly.

Redding Consortium Update

M. Denn shared information about the consortium and this group’s relationship with it. Sometime in the next calendar year, we will be able to provide a full suite of recommendations. By the end of this year, we will be sharing interim recommendations with the Governor and General Assembly so they can be incorporated in funding decisions for the next fiscal year. The GA has a will to invest in equity, and we want to be ready with some recommendations for them. Over the next few months, we will be adding details to the interim recommendations shared tonight. Our challenge will be to set internal priorities.

Small Work Group Report-Outs

The three small groups shared summaries of the one-pagers they developed. Dr. Roger Harrison presented on behalf of the *Racial Justice* Small group. [Click Here to view the document](#). Tamara Smith presented on behalf of the *School and Community Partnerships* small group. [View the Document](#). T. Hartsock suggested connecting with DCRAC (Rashmi Rangan). Dawn Alexander presented on behalf of the *Holistic Child Development* group. [View the Document](#). L. Edler suggested reading or literacy resources – available through library system. C. Gleason suggested moving family supports into school setting. T. Hartsock suggested more active community engagement. M. Wilson suggested materials that engage the whole family, teacher and students. K. Williams suggested the Delaware Healthy Mother and Infant Consortium. Conversation continued about how to fit this work into and re-prioritize existing resources. K. Williams also suggested the School and Community Partnership and Holistic Child Development small groups to reach out DHSS regarding the School-Based Health Center Strategic Planning Committee and speak to them about wellness centers.

Next Steps for Small Groups

M. Denn shared next steps for the small groups. Build out on what was presented at this meeting and shape things that involve funding decisions. Additionally, the groups should be choosing where to focus these efforts for maximum impact. 1. Add Details with ultimate goal of narrative report for December. 2. Decide how to target new resources to overcome barriers students face.

R. Jones-Avery called for attention to the sometimes-hidden barriers that are often unrecognized. There is still time to join any of the three small groups.

August Meeting Minutes: Approved

Public Comment: C. Gleason appreciates holistic nature of conversation rather than fragmented approach.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2020 at 5pm.

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Attendees:

Raye Jones-Avery - Co-Chair; Jeff Menzer - Co-Chair; Dawn Alexander; Tamara Smith; Jeff Taschner; Dave Sokola; Teri Lawler; Roger Harrison; Mark Pruitt Jr; Tika Hartsock; Evelyn Edney; Lisa Edler; Angeline Rivello; Caitlin Gleason; Kim Williams; Jessica Wolfe; Elizabeth Lockman; Kyle Sheppard; Matt Denn; Mike Wilson; Yvette Santiago; Jason Bourke