

## **Redding Consortium for Educational Equity**

### **Redding Planning Meeting**

**January 8, 2021**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Welcome**

The virtual meeting started at 10:30 a.m. Co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Tizzy Lockman, welcomed all in attendance.

#### **Redding Consortium FY 22 Interim Recommendations Submitted to Governor**

Lockman stated the Consortium's recommendations were submitted to Governor Carney and other stakeholder groups. Matthew Denn, Co-chair, added the Consortium will know if the recommendations have been integrated into the Governor Carney's proposed budget in two weeks.

#### **Work Group Focus and Path Forward**

Kelly Sherretz, Institute of Public Administration (IPA) staff, explained the Educators Work Group is waiting to hear if Governor Carney's budget proposal will include their recommendations. She added that members of the Work Group are meeting with the Delaware Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (DACTE) to discuss the ways the Consortium and DACTE can collaborate.

Haley Qaissaanee, IPA staff, stated the Funding and Governance Co-chairs, IPA staff, and a person from Network Delaware met with community members from the Christina School District to discuss launching an issue campaign focused on referendum reform. Qaissaanee added that an issue campaign led by Network Delaware would be effective since many members on the Work Group cannot push an agenda. Chris Kelly, IPA staff, stated this will help inform the public and garner more support for referendum reform. Qaissaanee asked if the Work Group would be refocusing on governance. Lockman responded that she will meet with Nnamdi Chukwuocha, co-chair of the Work Group, to determine the Work Group's path forward.

Jeff Menzer, co-chair of the Social Determinants Work Group, said the leaders of the Work Group will meet to develop the plan of action for the Work Group in 2021.

Aaron Bass, co-chair of the Settlement Work Group, said the Work Group will meet on Mondays. He added he and co-chair Chuck Longfellow are working with Sherretz to determine the scope of the group. The goal of the Work Group is to present recommendations in March.

#### **Public Engagement**

Lockman asked the attendees how the Work Group can share information more consistently. Qaissaanee stated that she and Alexis Wrease, IPA student, are drafting a newsletter for the Work Group. Wrease added that newsletters are a useful tool for engagement. Lockman suggested researching methods to grow the email list for the newsletter. Brendan Laux, IPA student, proposed using the poll function on Zoom so meeting attendees can choose if they want to join the newsletter email list. Tika Hartsock, Redding Consortium member, recommended the newsletter is accessible on various platforms.

Lockman asked for updates about the document for notes for smaller stakeholder meetings. She requested Qaissaunee create the document. Hartsock said she collaborate with Qaissaunee to organize it.

Lockman added that while Qaissaunee is head of communications for the Consortium, each of the Work Groups should provide her additional information to create content. Lockman asked Jason Bourke, Delaware State University Staff, about the progress of creating video updates. Bourke explained that he is looking for any members of the Consortium who would be interested in speaking in these videos to engage and inform the public about the work of the Consortium.

Lastly, Lockman requested the document created to respond to public comment is updated to reflect the public comment from the December 10, 2020 full Consortium meeting. Qaissaunee stated she will update the document.

#### **Next Full Consortium Meeting Date**

Lockman stated the Work Groups are expected to report their progress at the next full Consortium on February 18, 2021, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

#### **Public Comment**

Amy Solomon Gallagher commented on the various stakeholder groups connected with education reform that she works with. She encouraged the Consortium to connect with these groups, like the Safe Schools issues campaign, to increase their impact.

**Meeting ended at 11:20 a.m.**

## **Attendance**

### **Consortium Members**

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Aaron Bass

Tika Hartsock

Jeff Menzer

### **Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff**

Jason Bourke

Brendan Laux

Jerome Lewis

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Haley Qaissaunee

Alexis Wrease

### **Members of the Public:**

Amy Gallagher

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Lauris Schutt