

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity

Redding Planning Meeting

November 13, 2020

Meeting Minutes

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

Townhall December 2, 2020 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Haley Qaissaunee, Institute of Public Administration (IPA) staff, recapped the format of the townhall meeting. She explained there will be a 10-minute presentation from each work group, a group discussion for public feedback, and breakout rooms. Lockman commented that the breakout groups would be effective to solicit feedback. Kelly Sherretz, IPA staff, expressed that the purpose of the townhall should be clearer. Lockman explained that the purpose of the townhall was to get feedback from the public on their proposed recommendations. Lockman also suggested that any materials each Work Group has should be posted to the website prior to the townhall. Lockman recommended the meeting to be livestreamed to Facebook to increase public engagement. Qaissaunee agreed to livestream the meeting on Facebook. Lockman asked if the group would be using screen castify and how it worked. Qaissaunee explained that it was a platform that could record the breakout rooms and she agreed to research more about it. Sherretz suggested using Padlet, which allows people to post their thoughts live. Lockman requested that Qaissaunee work with Tika Hartsock, member of the Funding and Governance and Social Determinants Work Groups, to coordinate the townhall.

December 10, 2020 5:00–7:00 p.m. Full Consortium meeting

Qaissaunee explained she drafted an agenda and would like feedback. Sherretz expressed that it is made clear on what the Consortium members are voting on. Lockman suggested writing out the recommendations as predetermined motions to be voted on. Matthew Denn, co-chair of the Consortium, recommended that the motions are written in a format that he can submit to the Governor and General Assembly. Sherretz stated that all the materials for the meeting should be posted on the website a week before the meeting.

Membership

Lockman explained that the Consortium's membership changed due to Senator Anthony Delcollo losing his senate race. She said she will speak with Senate Minority leader about who will replace Senator Delcollo. Sherretz asked how this would affect reaching quorum and voting on recommendations during the December 10 full Consortium meeting. Denn said it would complicate reaching quorum, so they need to explain the importance of all the Consortium members attending. Lockman added that the change in cabinet positions would not affect the voting process because they fill the ex-officio positions. She added there will be an attendance and engagement review to decide if any of the roles laid out in the legislation are not being carried out. Sherretz said she and Qaissaunee will send a list of the least engaged members to Lockman and Denn so they can decide how to move forward.

Subgroup response to settlement

Lockman said Aaron Bass, member of the Funding and Governance Work Group, expressed interest to lead the settlement group. Lockman plans to meet with him and the co-chairs of the Funding and Governance Work Group, Nnamdi Chukwuocha and Eugene Young, to decide on a co-leader of the subgroup. Lockman asked if the structure of a subgroup would be the most effective. Quissaunee suggested the settlement group is made its own Work Group, because it would require the same amount of management and materials as the other Work Groups. Lockman agreed and said she and Denn will have to discuss the leadership, membership, and responsibilities of a new Work Group. Young asked how many members would be on the Work Group. Lockman explained she was unsure, but she wanted to keep it relatively small.

Work group updates

Sherretz explained the Educators Work Group will be scheduling another meeting in order to have a meeting that reaches quorum to discuss their final recommendations.

Young stated the Funding and Governance Work Group's internal team will be meeting to prepare for their next meeting on November 19, 2020 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Jason Bourke, Delaware State University staff, said the Social Determinants Work Group are meeting on November 30, 2020 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

The meeting ended at 11:06 a.m.

Attendees:

Consortium Members

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Eugene Young

Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff

Jason Bourke

Chris Kelly

Cimone Philpotts

Haley Qaissaunee

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Members of the Public:

Kathryn Denhardt

Laurisa Schutt

Amy Solomon