

Redding Consortium Planning Meeting
February 19, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The virtual meeting was convened at 10:35 a.m. Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair of the Redding Consortium, welcomed all in attendance.

I. Debrief 2/18 Meeting

Senator Lockman opened discussion for thoughts and feedback about the February 18 Consortium meeting. She thanked the Settlement Work Group for providing points of discussion. Chuck Longfellow, Co-Chair of the Settlement Work Group said they would be meeting with the co-chairs of the Funding & Governance Group to balance priorities. Sen. Lockman added that the two work groups should figure out a shared approach for making recommendations on systemic funding reform.

Raye Jones Avery, Co-Chair of the Social Determinants Work Group and member of the Educators Work Group, expressed her struggle that current proposals are focused on sameness, not equity. She also struggled with the vote to recommend three proposed bills at once, rather than in separate votes. Specifically, HB 100 should be an opportunity to break new ground. She asked if there is an opportunity to offer amendments to the proposed bills. Sen. Lockman responded that there is always an opportunity to offer amendments. Haley Qaissaanee, Institute for Public Administration (IPA), added that member feedback can be incorporated in the Consortium's written endorsement of the three bills. Raye said that would be helpful to maintain the integrity of the work and to make actionable recommendations. Representative Nnamdi Chukwuocha, Co-Chair of the Funding & Governance Work Group, added that the bill is not perfect and members of his caucus are having conversations about it.

Dawn Alexander, member of the Social Determinants Work Group, expressed that the current funding system needs to be reviewed, prioritization metrics need to be explored for the proposed bills, and that Pre-K and students ages 18-21 are included in HB 100. Raye said Dawn's final point is absolutely essential.

II. Next Work Group Meetings

The Settlement Work Group will meet on March 1st at 5:00 p.m. The Funding & Governance Work Group is working to schedule meetings. The Social Determinants Work Group is working on scheduling meetings and inviting content experts to speak at them. The Educators Work Group is not currently meeting.

III. Public Engagement

Haley shared the newsletter feedback spreadsheet, where Work Group Chairs can input updates to go out in the periodic newsletter. The exact process for putting the newsletter

together is still being determined. Sen. Lockman said it would be helpful to remind herself and the other chairs to put in updates when they are needed.

The small meeting documentation spreadsheet is now available for Consortium members to disclose any outside meetings related to the Consortium's work.

Jason Bourke, Delaware State University, outlined the process for submitting testimonial videos. Consortium members and members of the public can fill out a [Google Form](#) to either schedule a session to record, or submit a self-filmed video in support of the Consortium's recommendations. He will edit the videos together for public release. Sen. Lockman said this should be treated as a priority.

Jason said he is working on editing clips from the press conference into testimonial videos. Haley said she could help with the editing if needed. Sen. Lockman appreciated the idea to take clips from the press conference.

Kelly Sherretz, IPA, asked if the co-chairs need to approve what videos can be released. Matthew Denn, Co-Chair of the Redding Consortium, said that clips from the press conference do not need to be approved. Other testimonial videos should be approved by the co-chairs.

IV. Actualizing Recommendations

Sen. Lockman tabled discussion on technical assistance and how to actualize the Consortium's recommendations to the next planning meeting.

V. Public Comment

Amy Solomon expressed her appreciation for the Consortium's work. She would have liked to see the Department of Education address inequities. She wondered why there is no action plan or publicly available budget for the Governor's new equity office.

Sen. Lockman adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Attendance

Redding Consortium Members

Sen. Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair

Matthew Denn, Co-Chair

Dawn Alexander

Raye Jones Avery

Aaron Bass

Rep. Nnamdi Chukwuocha

Chuck Longfellow

IPA/DSU Staff

Jason Bourke

Brendan Laux

Haley Qaissaunee

Kelley Sherretz

Members of the Public

Amy Solomon