

Redding Consortium Planning Meeting
April 23, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The virtual meeting was convened at 10:30 a.m. Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair of the Redding Consortium, welcomed all in attendance.

I. Full Body Consortium Meeting – April 29 Agenda

The agenda for the April 29 full body meeting was finalized. Haley Qaissaunee, Institute for Public Administration (IPA), asked which testimonial video should be used. Several attendees recommended showing Wilmington Mayor Purzycki's testimonial video. Sen. Lockman said she would make a decision ahead of the meeting.

Aaron Bass, Co-Chair of the Settlement Work Group, asked what the group should report in the full body meeting given recent miscommunications between the Consortium and the Department of Education related to the RFP for the Ombudsperson program. Sen. Lockman said that the work group should still present their recommendations and discuss what was included in the published RFP. A separate conversation to discuss the path forward following the miscommunication will happen as well.

Haley asked if there is any specific call to action related to the interim recommendations that should be included. Sen. Lockman said that encouraging people to reach out to the legislators on the joint finance committee would be appropriate.

II. Next Fully Body Meeting

Sen. Lockman proposed that June 24 be the date of the next full body meeting, after the State board meeting on June 17.

III. American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Haley reached out to Secretary Bunting, Safe Schools, and WCEEP for feedback about the use of federal funding for educational goals. Secretary Bunting said that DOE is working on a brief about the funding and would be happy to share and present on it when it is finished. Haley suggested that Sec. Bunting join a future planning meeting to discuss DOE's plan after the brief is published.

IV. Annual Report

The Institute for Public Administration is working on the Redding Annual Report, with the goal of presenting a completed draft for review by the end of April.

V. Public Engagement

Work on the testimonial videos is ongoing. The April newsletter was sent out this week to the public.

Sen. Lockman and Matt Denn sent a letter to the joint finance committee to formalize the Consortium's interim recommendations.

VI. Public Comment

Lisa, a parent, discussed the importance of encouraging children with autism to go outside as a therapeutic. She highlighted the rigidity of current programs and how further conversations need to happen. Sen. Lockman connected Lisa with Tika Hartsock and Haley Qaissaunee as resources.

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

Attendance

Redding Consortium Members/Work Group Members

Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair

Raye Jones Avery

Aaron Bass

Tika Hartsock

Chuck Longfellow

Jeffrey Menzer

IPA/DSU Staff

Chris Kelly

Brendan Laux

Haley Qaissaunee

Kelley Sherretz

Members of the Public

Lisa