

Redding Consortium Planning Meeting
May 7, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The virtual meeting was convened at 11:05 a.m. Senator Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair of the Redding Consortium, welcomed all in attendance.

I. Next Full Body Meeting

Senator Lockman proposed June 21 for the next Consortium meeting. Matt Denn, Co-Chair of the Redding Consortium, noted that June 21 would be too late for members to weigh in on the FY 2022 budget.

Raye Jones Avery, Co-Chair of the Social Determinants Work Group, said that it would be better to have a condensed meeting on June 21 than try to meet at earlier date in June or in July.

Matt said that meeting in the early summer is an appropriate time to discuss the Consortium's goals for the rest of the year. Sen. Lockman agreed.

II. Work Group Updates

The Settlement Work Group met on May 3 to discuss its next steps forward. Chuck Longfellow, Co-Chair of the Settlement Work Group, said that discussion centered around what work needs to be done to actualize the settlement requirements in teacher recruitment & retention, the Opportunity Fund, and the independent funding assessment. The group will meet on May 24 at 5:00 p.m. to continue the conversation.

The Social Determinants Work Group will be meeting on May 10 at 4:30 p.m. The group is focused on pushing for their recommendations to be included in the FY 2021 budget. The Associate Secretary at the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) will be in attendance to discuss implementing required developmental screenings and the Department's two-year plan. They will also be discussing forthcoming legislation to move early intervention from the Department of Health and Human Services to DDOE by July 2023 and to require yearly developmental screenings in child care facilities by July 2023.

The Funding & Governance Work Group has nothing to report.

III. Drafted Support Statement for Settlement Work Group Motion

Kelly Sherretz, Institute for Public Administration, drafted a statement of support for the Settlement Work Group's recommendations following their approval by the Consortium on April 29. The draft has been submitted to the Consortium Co-Chairs for review.

IV. American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Delaware Secretary of Education, Susan Bunting, will be in attendance at the May 14 planning meeting to discuss Delaware's plans for using ARP funds. Sen. Lockman asked members to prepare questions in advance.

V. Public Engagement

Haley Qaissaunee, Institute for Public Administration, shared metrics from the April newsletter. The public is engaging with the newsletter at very encouraging rates compared to industry standards. Haley asked Consortium members to send suggestions and content for the May newsletter to Alexis Wrease.

Haley said that it is likely the Consortium's recommendations will be included in the final FY 2022 budget, and asked for suggestions on how to publicize this accomplishment. Dawn Alexander, member of the Social Determinants Work Group, suggested publishing a one-page document summarizing the accomplishments of the Consortium and distributing it to Consortium members and legislators.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Senator Lockman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Attendance

Redding Consortium Members/Work Group Members

Matthew Denn, Co-Chair
Sen. Elizabeth Lockman, Co-Chair
Dawn Alexander
Raye Jones Avery
Chuck Longfellow

IPA/DSU Staff

Brendan Laux
Haley Qaissaunee
Kelly Sherretz

Members of the Public

Steven Davis
Casey Montigney
Cyndie Romer