

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity
Social Determinants Work Group
February 11, 2021
Meeting Minutes
Approved

Welcome

The meeting started at 4:30pm. J. Menzer opened the meeting. The purpose of this meeting

Report on Recommendations to Full Consortium

M. Denn described the status of the SDWG recommendations to the full consortium. The Consortium issued interim recommendations with a companion budget that Governor and General Assembly are considering. Several of the Consortium's recommendations came from this and the Educator work group. A written report was produced and disseminated. The consortium and community supporters had a press conference to publicize the recommendations and build support.

Where do we go from here?

R. Jones-Avery opened by explaining that the interim recommendations are in the public. Our task now is to build support across the nonprofit, private and public sectors. We need to be intentional about building support. We need to identify key individuals and groups whose support would be helpful, and develop a plan for making outreach. J. Menzer continued that SDWG members have networks of relationships and professional connections whose support for these recommendations would be important to advance these recommendations. M. Denn explained that recording short (3-minute) testimonial videos that can be shared on Redding social media would be a useful way to share our support with a wide audience. There is still a need to contact people and organizations specifically, but the videos could catch a wide audience. J. Bourke explained that he can facilitate video recordings or receive videos if contacted. T. Hartsock shared a google doc that allows individuals to keep a log of who they are contacting and meeting with in support of the recommendations.

The task now is looking for individuals of the SDWG to consider their networks and share Redding information with them. Additionally, we are asked to speak to outside networks in support of these recommendations. The group brainstormed a list of organizations and individuals that could be shared (Reproduced Below). M. Purzycki was asked to comment, and did, on the need to organize and align disparate efforts. He also shared that the need for advocacy is great because there are people and groups who are skeptical of the work of SDWG. Getting in front of people and speaking directly to them is a necessity.

For now, we want everyone to be thinking about who to approach for outreach.

Content Expertise

R. Jones-Avery shared that we will be having presentations to build the SDWG content expertise. Experts will share their knowledge with the group. We are seeking requests and

suggestions for topic areas for the group to learn about. For example, an upcoming meeting will feature Data Portals in relation to the SDWG Data Gathering initiative. Another could feature the allocation of Medicaid and CHIP funding for young children.

Minutes

Quorum has been reached, so minutes were visited and approved.

Public Comment

K. Dwyer from DSEA shared a video on the need for school counselors and school social workers and advocate for HB100. E. Goldner described the concept of broadband deserts as highlighted by the Department of Transportation.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming meeting dates to be determined by a poll to be shared.

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Attendees:

Raye Jones-Avery, Jeff Menzer, Evelyn Edney, Tika Hartsock, Teri Lawler, Yvette Santiago, Tamara Smith, Sen. David Sokola, Jeff Taschner, Dr. Roger Harrison, Dawn Alexander, Matt Denn, Tammy Croce, Kristin Dwyer, Cora Scott, Haley Quissaunee, Rev. Shanika Perry, Karen Eller, Erin Goldner

Addendum: Brainstorming Notes – Organizations to Contact and Lead

Colonial School District Graduation Advisory Board – Jeff Menzer

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc/PanHellenic Council, Brandywine School District, IMAC, NAACP – Shanika Perry

Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Children (GACEC), Special Education Strategic Plan Advisory Council (SESPAC), Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DeAEYC), Wilmington Early Care and Education Committee (WECEC), and Delaware Early Childhood Council (DECC) – Dawn Alexander

I can share with the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens – Karen Eller, Matt's got them.

I think also we could use the public comment period during a city council meeting and even during District Board meetings. – Karen Eller

I can share with SESPAC, WECEC and DeAEYC.- Dawn Alexander

Divine 9 Presidents – Evelyn Edney

DSEA – Dawn Alexander

Communities in Schools – Evelyn Edney

Delaware Association of School Principals – E. Edney

Chief School Officers Association – Jeff

Delaware Association of School Administrators – E. Edney

Churches, IMAC – Teri Lawler

Delaware Charter Schools Network – E. Edney

Racial Justice Initiative (Rick Deadwyler) – Matt

OMB (Cerron) – Jason (others?)

Legislative Black Caucus – Matt

Future Knowledge Sessions

Trauma Recovery Funding – Teri Lawler

Capital Financing – Dawn Alexander

Medicare / EPDST Program, Preventative Screenings – Matt Denn

Data Portal – Jeff (Adrian Peoples from DOE)

Middle School & High School Students – Raye Jones-Avery

Nemours – Yvette Santiago