

Redding Consortium for Educational Equity
Social Determinants Work Group
March 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes
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Welcome

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

Minutes

Minutes from 2/11/2021 were approved.

Report on Efforts to Reach Out to Partners

J. Menzer and R. Jones-Avery updated the group on the impacts of the brainstorming session from last meeting. Ideas were added to the Google Spreadsheet that T. Hartsock created. This document allows us to coordinate outreach. The task is to share interim recommendations and seek support. R. Jones-Avery asks what materials members would like in order to facilitate. A powerpoint template was recommended to keep presentations consistent. Different settings require different materials. T. Hartsock suggested a ‘toolkit’ containing slides, 1-pagers, etc. The spreadsheet will be updated as people make presentations – and should email J. Bourke and T. Hartsock to update their efforts.

Alignment with Settlement Work Group

The Settlement Work Group is looking to the SDWG to determine how the settlement aligns with SDWG recommendations. K. Sherretz reported that the Settlement group wants to learn what the SDWG recommendations are, and how their group can best bolster SDWG recommendations. They are looking for suggestions on where that group can find alignment – and asked SDWG to brief that group on what the recommendations are at their meeting on 3/22 at 5pm.

Presentation on Data Portals from Dr. Adrian Peoples

Dr. Peoples made a presentation on Delaware’s Open Data Portals. Dr. Peoples’ presentation can be found on the Redding Consortium [YouTube channel](#).

Public Comment

A. Roe discussed lead poisoning as a social determinant of health and that children are not tested for lead at a sufficient rate and asked the group to consider lowering the threshold of eligibility for children to receive early childhood education services from 10 to 5 in order to increase the proportion of children receiving services due to elevated blood lead levels. S. Bucic of Delaware PTA also shared comments on lead poisoning. Adherence to testing is low and children are not being tested at a sufficient rate, with children of color facing disproportionate exposure. Elevated blood lead levels have impacts on educational and life outcomes. Identifying early is key to intervening and supporting early. J. Walko discussed the developmental screening bill currently

in process and raised the concern that schools are not sufficiently prepared (lacking staff and infrastructure, 619 staff) to serve the influx of newly-identified children with special needs.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next meeting is April 12, 2021 at 4:30pm.

END

Attendees:

Raye Jones-Avery, Jeff Menzer, Aaron Selekman, Yvette Santiago, Sen. Dave Sokola, Tamara Smith, Dan Cruce, Mark Pruitt, Teri Lawler, Kristen Dwyer, Evelyn Edney, Kelly Sherretz, Rep. Kim Williams, Tika Hartsock, Dawn Alexander, Sarah Bucic, Amy Roe, Roger Harrison, Jason Bourke