

## **Redding Consortium for Educational Equity**

### **Redding Planning Meeting**

**June 26, 2020**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Welcome**

The virtual meeting started at 10:30 a.m. Co-chair of the Redding Consortium for Educational Equity (Redding Consortium), Tizzy Lockman, began the meeting and welcomed the attendees.

#### **Next Redding Consortium Meeting**

Lockman asked if the Consortium members voted on either August 6, 2020 or August 13, 2020 to hold a full Consortium meeting. Kelly Sherretz, Policy Scientist at the Institute of Public Administration (IPA), stated that more members chose August 13, 2020 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Lockman inquired if the full quorum will be present. Sherretz explained that the majority of members will be attendance, including two non-voting members. Lockman and Matt Denn, Consortium Co-chair, made a final decision that the next Consortium meeting will be on August 13, 2020. Lockman suggested that the next planning meeting agenda, following the July 4 holiday, should address the agenda for the full Consortium meeting in August.

#### **Work Groups**

Sherretz announced that the Educator Work Group plans to meet July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. In terms of membership, all but approximately two members have reconfirmed. The work group is also in the process of expanding its membership. Sherretz stated she will reach out to the Educator Work Group Co-chairs, Michael Smith and Noelle Picara, about creating the agenda and the work moving forward. Lockman advised that the agenda include how the work group will follow the decision-making model. Sherretz agreed, and stated the IPA staff is supporting this effort. Consortium member, Tika Harstock, recommended Karen Eller to join the Educator Work Group, Lockman acknowledged this suggestion.

Sherretz also provided the Redistricting Work Group update. Currently, Sarah Bruch Redding Consortium Research Director, and other members of the IPA staff are collecting funding resources for the work group. Joseph Pika, IPA staff, is doing research on the New Castle County Tax District and will produce a one-pager with his findings. Pika explained that he has data from the last 10 years, and hopes to find data that goes further back. He also stated that the New Castle County Tax District is very complicated and operates differently than when it was created. Bruch, spoke with Redistricting Work Group Co-Chairs, Eugene Young and Nnamdi Chukwuocha about holding a Funding 101 Workshop. A date has not been solidified. Lockman expressed support for this idea, and said that this would be helpful for the public and the work group. She also requested that a meeting date be decided.

Denn stated that the Social Determinants Work Group will meet on July 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. This first meeting will address and determine the specific areas the work group wants to focus on. He also explained that at the full Consortium meeting in August, the work group will request to have its name changed and to have a sharply defined mission. Lockman proposed that the work group members receive an orientation to be familiar with the processing model and the expectations of the group. Denn

requested that the orientation materials be sent to the work-group prior to the first meeting. Sherretz and Jason Bourke, Delaware State University staff, will send materials the research team has gathered on social determinants of health and education. Denn explained that Bourke will meet with the Social Determinants Work Group Co-Chairs Raye Avery-Jones and Jeff Menzer. Bourke stated this meeting will be to find out the needs of the work group and what other Delaware State University staff can assist them.

### **Research Underway**

Lockman announced that the Redding Consortium's annual report was released after being sent to an internal list that included the State Board of Education, the General Assembly, school board members, and other key groups. The State Board requested that Lockman and Denn to speak about the Redding Consortium. Lockman agreed but suggested they speak after the full Consortium meeting in August, in order to provide a full update. Sherretz inquired if the annual report could be posted on the Facebook Page. Lockman approved.

Bruch provided an overview of the research under way:

#### *Supporting Educator Work Group:*

- Researching educator mobility and comparing this in high needs and non-high-needs schools.

#### *Supporting Redistricting Work Group:*

- Gathering funding resources to support the work group
- Conducting research on the New Castle County Tax District

#### *Redding Consortium Mandate to Assess and Monitor Educational Equity and Outcomes:*

- Developing 20-year trend analysis of disparities throughout social groups within Delaware. This will compare Delaware to surrounding states and the nation.
- Writing an annual report that showcases Wilmington students and schools.

Sherretz explained that she and Bourke are revising the scope of work and drafting the contract for the Institute of Public Administration and Delaware State University. The scope of work will be sent to the Co-Chairs in a few weeks.

Lockman also announced that despite state budget cuts, the Redding Consortium will receive its full grant-based funding. The funding passed in the State Senate and is expected to pass in the State House of Representatives in the coming week.

The next planning team meeting will be Friday July 10, 2020.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Consortium Members**

Co-chair, Tizzy Lockman

Co-chair, Matthew Denn

Stephanie Ingram

Maria Matos

Tika Harstock

**Institute for Public Administration/Delaware State University Staff**

Jason Bourke

Sarah Bruch

Fran O'Malley

Jerome Lewis

Joseph Pika

Dan Rich

Kelly Sherretz

Alexis Wrease

**Members of the Public:**

Lanny Blair

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