

Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2014

Jefferson County Courthouse, Lookout Mountain Conference Room
100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO
Courts and Administration Building, Lower Level

Present:

John Barry
Heather Exby
Michael Gage
Chelsy Harris
Don Keeley
Mimi Leonard
Gene Meier
Rick Sciacca
Scott Stump
Jill Toussaint

Absent:

Tracey Lovett
Richard Maestas

Welcome & Minutes Approval – Scott Stump

- Thank you to Jefferson County Schools for hosting at the Jefferson County Courthouse.
- Minutes from last meeting approved, Chelsy Harris (1st), Mimi Leonard (2nd).
- Scott Stump introduced Gene Meier from Aims Community College and welcomed him as a new member of the board to fill the district college position.

General Update – Misti Ruthven and Tamara White

- Tamara White provided a brief update from the Department of Higher Education (DHE) that the admissions and remediation policies passed the Colorado Commission on Higher Education at the December 2013 meeting. Implementation begins for the 2018 academic year.
- Misti Ruthven attended from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) on behalf of Michelle Camacho Liu. ASCENT numbers for the 2014-15 academic year submitted by districts are on-track to meet projections submitted to the JBC for funding. Additionally, there are several new districts that have submitted for spots. CDE contacted each district that had submitted ASCENT numbers in a prior year to ensure they knew about the February 1st submission deadline.

- Kelly Rosensweet from the Office of Innovation and Choice at CDE has been selected to represent CDE on the CEAB. She works closely with innovation and charter schools on a daily basis and will join the board at the March meeting.
- Chelsy Harris thanked CDE for the implementation of the timeline changes in statute as it is the beginning of removing barriers for districts for ASCENT.

FAQ Workgroup Review

- CDE has been working diligently with auditors internally to address questions from the board, districts, and schools to assist in providing clearer direction for concurrent enrollment and ASCENT. These questions will then be taken to the attorney general for additional insight and clarification. This will assist the CEAB and CDE in refining guidance to districts.
- ASCENT questions were reviewed by the committee. Thank you to Tamara White for leading the discussion. The board took action to table approval of the frequently asked questions until the next meetings in anticipation of Attorney General guidance.
- Concurrent Enrollment questions were also reviewed. Thank you to Michelle Camacho Liu for leading this discussion. The board took action to approve the majority of questions with the exception of areas where the AG is providing guidance. Gene Meier (1st), Jill Toussaint (2nd) to approve CE FAQs

ASCENT Guidelines Workgroup Review

- The board took action to approve the majority of the revised ASCENT Program, State Guidelines, with the exception of areas where the AG is providing guidance. Chelsy Harris (1st), Mimi Leonard (2nd).

Review of CEAB Memo to State Board of Education

- The board approved the annual memo to be submitted to the State Board of Education from the Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board per statute.

Committee Updates

- Brandon Protas from the Community College of Denver updated the group on the 2015 NACEP Conference to be held in Denver. Additionally, the NACEP board will be meeting here in April and has offered to host a concurrent enrollment workshop in collaboration with CEAB. Suggested topic areas are policy, best practices, early colleges and training/discussions for districts considering CE participation.

Action Plan and Next Steps

- Next Meeting Thursday, March 27, 2014
- Chelsy Harris (1st) and Mimi Leonard (2nd) to close the meeting.