



P20 WIN Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 9/19/2023, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Teams Meeting

1. Welcome

Dr. Gifford called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. She welcomed Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) and Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (JBCSSD) members to their first Executive Board meeting.

2. Public Comment

No comments were made to the Board.

3. Attendance

Present: Diedre Gifford Chair (OHS), Dante Bartolomeo (DOL), Eileen McMurrer (designee for Beth Bye, OEC), Easha Canada (DSS), Amber Freeman (designee for Sarah Fox, CCEH), Scott Gaul (OPM), Rai Kathuria (CSCU), Tim Larson (OHE), Chris McClure (DMHAS), Julie Revaz (designee for Gary Roberge, JBCSSD), Kelli Vallieres (OWS), Charlene Russell-Tucker (SDE), Jen Widness (CCIC), Treena Mazzotta (designee for Michael Williams, DCF), Reka Wren (UConn)

4. Approval of New Agency – Department of Corrections

Dr. Gifford shared the recommendation shared with the Executive Board to add the Department of Corrections as a new Participating Agency to P20 WIN.

Executive Director Larson (OHE) made a motion to approve adding DOC, seconded by Eileen McMurrer (OEC). Representatives from DOC were given an opportunity to make comments to the Board. Eulalia Garcia, designee for Commissioner Quiros, commented that the agency is looking forward to joining P20 WIN. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Data Request – At-Risk and Disconnected Youth in CT (#0043)

Ken Watari, Lane McBride, and Vidya Sekran from Boston Consulting Group (BCG) provided an update on their data request looking at at-risk and disconnected youth. They plan to share the report in more detail with all stakeholders. A press event will be held on October 11, 2023, to release the report.



A question was brought up about the definition of disconnected youth. BCG representatives shared that disconnected was defined as not graduated, employed. Moderate was broken into two groups: 1) those that graduated but did not have a job or pursue higher education and 2) those that did not graduate but got a GED or were employed. These factors were examined based on pathways to economic self-sufficiency and access to educational institutions.

6. Equity Efforts and Learning Agenda

Dr. Gifford combined items 6 and 7.

Scott Gaul reported that equity efforts involve many stakeholders and a high volume of information, so P20 WIN is attempting to infuse that throughout the data request process. P20 WIN released an annual report which focused on equity throughout the data request process and there will be a pilot for an assessment process to ask questions of how a data requests could impact people who are supported by or receive services from the state.

There was a question about the REL data being incomplete depending on the agency. A suggested consideration was to have a feedback loop for this process so that all agencies would be aware of the impact that an incomplete data set could have on research findings.

Scott Gaul provided an overview of the Learning Agenda, which incorporates burning questions and priority issues from all agencies.

Comments from CTECS and other members expressed appreciation for this data collection effort since it overlaps with their work and how invaluable P20 WIN is to other boards and commissions as well.

It is encouraged that board members think about the plan and follow up in a few weeks to send ideas that can be put on the agenda for next meeting.

7. Other business

All other items were moved to the next meeting due to time constraints.

8. Adjournment

Kelli-Marie Vallieres (OWS) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlene Russell-Tucker (SDE). Meeting is adjourned at 3:58 pm.