

## **Governor's P-20 Leadership Council**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 2016**

**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Maryland Department of the Environment  
Aqua and Aeris Conference Rooms  
1800 Washington Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21230**

#### **Members Present:**

Secretary Kelly Schulz, Chair, Delegate Adrienne Jones, Delegate Anne Kaiser, Secretary Jim Fielder, James Ball, Tony Campbell, D'ette Devine, Michael DiGiacomo, Chris Fallon, Jeff Ferguson, Susan Getty, Michele Guyton, Joseph Holt, Lenzie Johnson, Megan Leach, Tim Robinson, Karen Salmon, Daniel Sereboff, Ellen Sauerbrey, Sharon Slear, Donna Stifler, Brian White, Robert Willoughby, Frank Voso, Patricia Ziff

#### **Members Absent:**

Senator Paul Pinsky, Secretary Michael Gill, USM Chancellor Bob Caret, Senator Nancy King, Diane Allen, John Bambacus, Roger Casey, Kathleen Causey, Frances Hall Chaney, Andrea Chapdelaine, Joanne Drielak, Anwer Hasan, Roderick Isler, David Parker, Ellen Pultro, Thomas Sullivan,

#### **Guests:**

Judy Beiter, Emily Dow, Adam Dubitsky, Molly Dugan, Brian Dulay, Chris Falkenhagen, Sara Fidler, Jennifer Frank, Ross Goldstein, Heather Lageman, Lawrence Leak, Dewayne Morgan, David Partler, Ben Passmore, David Payne, Nancy Shapiro, Pat Tyler

#### **Introduction and Welcome Opening Remarks**

Secretary Kelly M. Schulz, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, called the meeting to order at 9.30am. Secretary Schulz welcomed all in attendance to the September 6, 2016 Governor's P-20 Leadership Council meeting and gave an overview of the agenda. Secretary Schulz noted that in an effort to avoid "reinventing the wheel" she invited the first speaker, Jennifer Bodensiek, President and CEO from Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, to discuss a new program looking to grow in Baltimore. The second speaker from the Ethics Commission is to increase awareness and education of state ethics and conflict of interest laws in Maryland. Secretary Schulz also discussed and reviewed the proposed timeline to complete the annual report and the college and career ready report.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Schulz identified that a quorum was present and a motion was made and seconded, and the minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting were approved by voice vote.

## **Presentation: Bringing Career Pathways to Life**

Jennifer Bodensiek, President and CEO  
Junior Achievement of Central Maryland

Mrs. Bodensiek discussed Junior Achievement of Central Maryland's goal to expose students to real careers and let them explore pathways in a hands on simulation called Biz Town, currently operating in Atlanta. JA is currently seeking financing to bring this experience to Baltimore. There is a smaller version of this already in Owings Millers. She showed a video of the Biz Town in Atlanta they are trying to replicate in Baltimore City, and she estimates it would serve 30,000 students annually.

Dr. Salmon pointed out that Mrs. Bodensiek has been working closely with MSDE for years with great success.

Council members asked for a copy of the presentation. Mrs. Bodensiek sent it to Michael Harrison who forwarded it to the Council following the meeting.

## **Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Training**

Kate Thompson, Assistant Attorney General  
Maryland Ethics Commission

Mrs. Thompson gave a presentation and discussed different scenarios members should be aware of that could present a conflict of interest or ethics violation. She presented specific examples of activities that if members find themselves in should call her to discuss. Conflicts for this group will be rare but members should keep in mind gifts and post-employment restrictions.

## **Workgroups Reports**

### **GED Workgroup**

Jeffrey Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson reported the workgroup is looking at a math tutoring pilot program, broadening the GED Works program in Maryland, bringing back a GED Options alternative.

Dr. Shapiro suggested the workgroup reach out to MACC, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, to discuss the math tutoring pilot program.

### **At-Risk Students workgroup**

Chris Fallon

Chris Fallon discussed a draft report being prepared with 8 different points. He mentioned meetings with principals who expressed a desire for more control over staffing and efforts to reach children who “come and go as ghosts” with mentors. Michele Guyton is working with Chris and the workgroup to organize their thoughts and focus on specific recommendations.

### **Workforce development**

Dr. Shapiro

Dr. Shapiro reported that the workgroup is looking at data to define and determine employment high-needs areas in the state to align employment pipelines to meet workforce needs. The group is looking at healthcare, manufacturing, and apprenticeships.

### **MLDS workgroup**

Michael Harrison and Ross Goldstein on behalf of Steve Rizzi

Michael reported that the workgroup requested MLDS prepare a gap analysis looking at “holes” in their data inventory, describing the impact of the holes on possible research, and make suggestions for including the data. Ross discussed the outcomes of the Gap Analysis.

Secretary Fielder noted that MLDS data should be used “as a flashlight and not a hammer.”

### **Maryland College and Career Ready Standards/ PARCC workgroup**

Heather Lageman

Heather Lageman updated the Council on the workgroups 2 priorities: developing a consistent and coordinated communications plan to reach stakeholder groups the value of globally competitive standards and assessments, and working with MLDS to produce relevant data on PARCC implementation.

Heather mentioned a video on MCCRS/ PARCC standards was produced by Maryland Business Roundtable and is still relevant and should be shared with stakeholders and put on the P-20 website.

### **College and Career Readiness Implementation Report workgroup**

Robert Willoughby

Robert reported that the workgroup is working with MHEC and MSDE to produce the required updates for the report.

Dr. Shapiro noted that the focus of the report should be understanding CCR better and what carry students into college and make sure they are ready. She also suggested the report should shine a light on successful dual enrollment models.

### **Teachers workgroup**

Sara Spross, MSDE

Sara updated the council on the MSDE led teachers task force. The task force is to submit an interim report November 1, 2016 and a final report November, 2017.

Secretary Schulz asked Sara to share the interim report with the Council and asked the Council if they wanted to include the teachers interim report or a discussion of the report in the P-20 Annual report. Council members decided to wait and get a copy of the report and make a decision at the December P-20 meeting.

### **Q&A and Closing Remarks**

Having no questions or follow-up discussion, Secretary Schulz closed the meeting at 11:30.