



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

Professional Development Advisory Council Steering Committee

May 14, 2014: 10:00 AM – 5:15 PM

May 15, 2014: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Mission: To promote, support, and recognize professional preparation and training for all current and future early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners.

Vision: Illinois early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners are well-qualified professionals who educate, nurture, and meet the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families.

Values: We believe an effective professional development system is inclusive of practitioners in all settings serving children, youth, and families; service providers and program staff; and educators and trainers.

Wednesday, May 14 Agenda

- 10:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions** – Deb Widenhofer and Cass Wolfe, Co-Chairs
- 10:10 AM** **Review and Approval of Minutes**
- 10:15 AM** **State and Federal Landscape Overview**
- **Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships** – Lauri Morrison Frichtl
 - **Head Start University**
 - **Illinois State Board of Education** – Donna Emmons
 - **Institute of Medicine, National Research Council** – Cass Wolfe
 - **Illinois Department of Human Services** – Anne Wharff
 - **Workforce Analysis Pilot – PDW Center** – Anne Wharff
 - **National Governor’s Association** – Christi Chadwick
 - **Focus on Competencies**
 - **Articulation and IAI Panel** – Johnna Darragh-Ernst
 - **First Course Identified**
 - **Completers/RFP’s with Higher Education/Credential links** – Christi Chadwick and Joni Scritchlow
 - **Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development** – Christi Chadwick
 - **Race-to-the Top: Early Learning Challenge**
 - **Intergovernmental Agency Team – Prof. Development** – Christi Chadwick and Anne Wharff
 - **ExceleRate Illinois**
 - **Professional Development Work Underway**
 - **Statewide Training Calendar/Registry**
- 11:30 AM** **Data Focus** – Teri Talan and Joellyn Whitehead
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch Discussion:**
- 1:00 PM** **Report Back from Lunch Discussions**
- **Next Steps** (if any)

- 1:30 PM** **Trainings within ExceleRate/Tying it all to Professional Development – Beth Knight**
- **Data (number of trainings/curriculum, trainers, comparison with other entities, Statewide Training Calendar**
 - **Credential Approved Trainings/Process**
 - **How do we build an effective Professional Development system that incorporates trainings in this landscape?**
- 2:15 PM** **PDAC Strategic Plan Review – Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer**
- **Revised Strategic Plan**
 - **Report from Committees:**
 - **Challenges? Successes?**
 - **ELC Program Standards & Quality (PSQ) Work Plan intersection with PDAC Strategic Plan**
 - **PSQ Work Plan/PDAC Strategic Plan**
 - **PSQ Higher Education Learning & Professional Development work group (HELP)**
 - **Workforce Compensation Ad Hoc**
- 3:15 PM** **Break**
- 3:30 PM** **Building on the Dream**
- 4:45 PM** **FY14 Committee Summary Information – Julie Lindstrom**
- **Questions**
- FY15 Meeting Dates – Julie Lindstrom**
- **Dinner/Evening Details**
- 5:15 PM** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner/Networking**

Thursday, May 15 Agenda

- 7:45 AM** **Breakfast**
- 8:15 AM** **Welcome – Deb Widenhofer and Cass Wolfe, Co-Chairs**
- **Recap from Previous Day**
- 8:30 AM** **Gateways Credentials – Teri Talan and Marsha Hawley, Co-Chairs**
- **Credential Development Guidance**
 - **Is a Limit to Training Needed?**
 - **Consistency in Counting Trainings**
 - **Recommendation(s)?**
- 9:30 AM** **Committee Recommendations**
- **Qualifications and Credentials Committee – Teri Talan and Marsha Hawley, Co-Chairs**
 - **Gateways ECE Credential Benchmark Recommendations**
 - **ECE Credential Benchmarks Levels 2-4**
 - **ECE Credential Benchmarks Level 5**

- 10:00 AM 2014 PDAC Annual Meeting Planning**
- Themes: “Making the Dream Bigger” or “Dreaming Bigger and Better”
 - Proposed Date – September 19, 2014
 - Possible Locations
 - Potential Speakers
- 10:30 AM Summarize/Closing Thoughts**
- 11:00 AM Adjourn**