



## **Data Advisory Group Minutes**

10 – 11:30 a.m.

September 12, 2022

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

#### Attendees:

Co-Chair: Mark Chisholm, New Mexico Higher Education Department

Co-Chair: Dina Advani, New Mexico Higher Education Department

John Bollweg, University of New Mexico – Valencia

Dr. Vanessa Hawker, NMICC

Ricardo Rel, New Mexico State University

Dr. Heather Mechler, University of New Mexico

Carmella Sanchez, Northern New Mexico College

Marc Saavedra, CUP

Dr. Patricia Trujillo, New Mexico Higher Education Department

Kathleen Sena, New Mexico Higher Education Department

Johanna Sandoval, New Mexico Higher Education Department

### 2. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2022

Minutes Approved

### 3. Finalize gender collection fields for eDEAR

#### a. We are considering the following:

##### i. What is your current gender?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Transgender Man
4. Transgender Woman
5. Non-binary
6. Something else – please specify
7. Decline or prefer not to answer

#### b. We probably won't include the "please specify" and will label that option as "other".

#### c. What codes should we use?

Mark stated X and N category is not consistent given the Governor's execute order. Dr.

Mechler advised against using the "Other" instead of "Something Else", and advised

consulting with experts in this field to avoid insulting and potentially derogatory language.



Dr. Trujillo advised that “Something Else” is consistent across the agencies given the directive of the Dept. of Health. “Different Identity (please state) \_\_\_” was also advised. This could be consistent and a good change as “Something Else” may be considered more neutral. Consistency is important as to data sharing particularly the NMLDS system. Consensus that this would be the list of gender categories with “Different Identity (please state)\_\_\_” as an option.

4. Data for Accountability measures (AGA) – discuss the full list of measures, the timeline for producing them, and format for a standard report.

HED will be preparing reports for AGA. Footnote for SENMC may be necessary for historical reference. For clarity it should be transparent that this is end of semester data for transparency as caveat. Mark will share with institutions and associations before making public. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> first submission deadline.

5. We will need data on the Opportunity Scholarship, such as the number of awards and some details about who is receiving the awards, this fall. Our financial aid division is getting some drawdown numbers from the institutions, but would it be feasible to ask institutions to submit a brief demographic report on who is getting the Opportunity and how many also have a Lottery and/or a Pell award?  
Demographic information potentially based on requested information also the timeline is concerning. Ricardo stated the request will come either way from LFC but it not sure what data will be needed but better to be proactive right now to prepare for that request. Mark will check with Harry to see what data is already available. It is preferred that info come from HED rather than LFC reaching out individually to institutions. Anticipate for this request for the December LFC hearing.
6. Discuss the Degree Inventory Data submitted by most institutions this past spring.

- a. Would a CIP Seq value make sense to be added to the eDEAR degree file?
- b. Would it make sense, once finalized, to post the inventory on the HED website?

Mark is still missing several institutions and will work with Dr. Hawker on those institutions. Before Mark publishes list will send back list to institutions (IR and Registrars) for consensus on the active degrees. Mark mentioned potentially posting the list and institutions would be responsible for updating annually for transparency.



7. We are postponing the Training for eDEAR on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – there is just too much going on right now with processing eDEAR files and getting the formula ready to plan another big meeting, maybe we'll just aim for the November date.  
Dina will work with Johanna on notifying institutions that if they need an extension for summer submission for submitting 4-digit numbering systems which is preferred method over crosswalk.
8. Next meeting
  - a. Currently scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 AM
  - b. Are there any topics that should be added to the agenda?