



Data Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

August 14, 2023

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1. Welcome & Introductions

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

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

Todd Dekay, Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell

Dr. Vanessa Hawker, NMICC

Dawn Kenney, Central New Mexico Community College

Dr. Heather Mechler, University of New Mexico

Carmella Sanchez, Northern New Mexico College

Johanna Sandoval, New Mexico Higher Education Department

John Bollweg

2. Brief update on the LDS

Trying to develop by the end of the month ECECD and PED data. Data retrieval will be available via multiple categories. Although HS Grad data was not loaded by PED so will not be available at this time. HED IT staff is working many hours to help launch LDS. Hopefully HED IT staff will try to join next meeting to discuss features and functions/limitations of LDS. Vanessa Hawker has requested a hybrid meeting with in-person and online. September 21st projected launch date.

3. We have a request from the LFC for the list of “official HED peer institutions” for each institution.

a. I don't believe we've done much with peers since at least 2016

b. Does the existing list need to be updated?

c. Are institutions using peers for internal analysis?

Mark-There were 2 appropriations in the last Session calling for Studies to be done. HED has developed RFP's still pending approval.

One Mesalands long-term viability and the other one from George Munoz, Senator Munoz for Mesalands sustainability for Higher Ed. Funding.

Mark – Vanessa that maybe something that you may have interest in.

Mark-Formula funding is the main focus, but I've argued strongly for it to include an update on peer institutions for the state. The old HD peer data was developed for the old formula e.g. Faculty salaries. We are looking to find other institutions whose program mix is or was similar to ours.



Mark- would like to gather from every institution here original HD Peers data sometime soon.

4. Discuss adding fields to Financial Aid and Degree File
 - a. Date of Birth and Program Name (Degree File)
Some agreement last meeting to add to the degree file.
 - b. Institutional ID to N file (Student Financial Aid File)
Update Dina, this new data field will be optional for this year 22-2023 but mandatory for next year. eDEAR has already been updated to accommodate both versions this year. But will result in fatal error next year if Institutional ID is not present in data.

5. Discuss adding parent's education level to DEAR
 - a. Do we collect a value consistent with what is available from the FAFSA, or
 - b. Go with first-generation for students where neither parent completed college, or
 - c. Collect a hybrid with levels?
Discussion on what is the definition of first-generation student. Could not define if two-year college counts or if certificate counts. Agreed to look more into FASFA questions for guidance.

6. -Next meeting
 - a. Currently scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM
Proposed moving meeting to September 18th, 2023
 - b. DAG Scheduled meetings 2023
 - i. 09/11/23
 - ii. 10/16/23
 - iii. 11/13/23
 - iv. Propose 12/04/23 instead of 12/11/23 or CXL
Moving meeting to 12/04/23 was accepted with a possibility of cancellation.
 - c. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas? None