



Data Advisory Group Minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

June 8, 2026

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1. Welcome & Introductions

In Attendance: Mark Chisholm, Johanna Sandoval, Jody Weber, Dr. Brittany Gallegos, Carmela Sanchez, William Brown, Dawn Kenny-Peshlakai, Alejandra Villalobos Melendez, Kate McGowan, Anita Gavin, Richardo Rel, Kathleen Sena, Carrie Tsosie-Jim and Todd DeKay,

2. Previous Meetings Minutes Review

No objections or corrections noted.

3. HED Updates

a. Retention Data

- i. The memo has been distributed to the universities eligible for that GRO funding

Mark Chisholm- retention memo has gone out so each institution now knows how much money they are eligible to receive. Along with explanation of calculation method. The only difference is the details about how I'm including the branches.

- ii. The methodology memo is available if anyone wants to see it

Mark Chisholm- offered to share screen with calculation method, however no one present requested to see document.

- iii. I've run the data for all two-year colleges, but I'm hesitant to publish since first-time, full-time students are a small component of typical two-year enrollment, so I think it could be misleading data to publish, but I can share it amongst you all if you're interested in seeing it.

Richardo Rel- requested to receive a copy of the document calculation for the 2-year colleges. Mark Chisholm- I will send out a copy for all to reference.

4. Workforce Pell

- i. We'll provide a high-level summary of this new program
- ii. With a focus especially on the data and reporting that would be required

Mark Chiholm- we are spending a lot of time here at HED getting our rules, definitions, policies and procedures in place for it. It's a lot of work. For what may not be the most amazing amount of money, but it is a new bipartisan program. I think most of you are probably familiar with it but if not, there is a link on our HED website. If anyone has questions or progress this far visit <https://hed.nm.gov/resources-for-schools/workforce-pell-advisory-group>. We do have a committee meeting regularly. I bring this up because it is going to require data reporting from the participating Institutions. Ricardo Rel- do you know

if there's anybody from the institutions that are on the state workforce development group? Mark Chisholm- we have quite a few institutional people on the advisory committee. Brit Gallegos- There's also a subcommittee of the State Workforce board and Sabrina Ezell is in the subcommittee.

It may also overlap with workforce GRO. Richardo Rel- can you give me a background on work force PELL is this federal or State. Mark Chisholm- this is a Federal Program. Pell is not available to noncredit or bachelorette recipients or short-term courses. Workforce Pell will be made available for these forementioned programs. However, there are requirements for a program to be eligible for Workforce Pell. All details are available on HED Workforce Pell page. Richardo Rel- so I assume the Feds will require data for this program and HED will be heading this. Mark Chisholm- Yes, we are working in collaboration with the Department of Workforce Solutions in determining data parameters and timelines. The goal is to have a couple of pilot programs this first year and develop an application process.

5. eDEAR and non-credit

- i. Related to Workforce Pell, but also other initiatives related to noncredit instruction, we're starting to look at a DEAR-similar format for collecting non-credit data

Mark Chisholm- we have started discussing this here at HED and plan to come up with a plan in near future.

- ii. Specifically, to collect SSN for matching to UI file at DWS, and to collect a new code for when/if Workforce Pell awards are awarded

Mark Chisholm- we have added new code for workforce Pell which is F11. DWS will work closely with programs. We are under a tight time frame to collect data. There is one institution that has collected SSN data. Dina here at HED has done a data match using the SSN's with DWS and seems to be successful. We are not mandating SSN collection but encouraging it. This will make data outcomes much easier to gather and make analysis available for the LFC and Feds. Richardo Rel- when do you think the workforce development data will be available. Mark Chisholm- hoping by July but we only have 1 institution collecting SSN data right now. So not how informative this data will be. Dr. Brittany Gallegos -NM State Dona Ana Mary Ulrich is doing a survey on workforce grow recipients. Her survey is more on quality-of-life survey on before and after workforce grow money. You may want to reach out to her on the data she has collected or results.

6. Graduate degree inventory

- i. With the new rule changes in our degree approval rules, we will begin to identify programs with no new enrollments over the previous three years

Mark Chisholm- we had no objections to the new rule. This new rule will be set into rule. We are in the process of cleaning up our degree programs using this new rule requirements.

- ii. We will add a new date field to our degree inventory table to indicate when no continuing enrollment is expected in a dormant or discontinued program, as distinct from new no enrollments expected.

7. Dual Credit

- a. The contract with Resultant was finalized, over the next few months we'll be developing Tableau dashboards to display dual credit and concurrent enrollment data.

Mark Chisholm-We have signed a contract with Resultant and will be focusing on using dashboard in future. This will make the data more hands on and accessible for different points. More to come on this.

8. Next meeting

- a. At our next meeting **on July 13**, the NM Data in PSEO should be posted, and we'll spend some time going over that website and how to interpret the data. If you want an early start, go to:

https://lehd.ces.census.gov/data/pseo_experimental.html

Mark Chisholm- Dina has been promised PSEO data by next month. We will keep you all informed. Richardo Rel- this data will be very interesting to see for all institutions it may be good or bad but informative either way. Mark Chisholm- Yes, this data maybe imperfect but data requests have been made on this data.

- b. We can also talk some more about AGA measures
- c. Other topics for July?
- d. Remaining meeting dates for 2026:
 - August 10
 - September 14
 - October 5
 - November 9
 - December 7

- e. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas?

Kate McGowen- we are looking for clarification on aid data on how the campus is determined for each student.? This makes it practically hard for NMSU since students are allowed to move in between campus. Mark Chisholm- I think we need to get together with NMSU, UNM and ENMU to discuss this matter and decide the best way to report data. Richard Rel- I remember discussing this issue at the CUP meeting as well. Mark Chisholm- when Dina and I are back from vacation we will sit down with Heather Romero and discuss this further.