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### **Data Advisory Group Agenda**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. September 15, 2025

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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Mark Chisholm, Dina Advani, Johanna Sandoval, Alejandra Villalobos Melendez, Dr. Barbara Medina, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Charla Orozco, Todd DeKay, Kate McGowan, Dawn Kenney, Larry Sanderson, Dr. Brittany Shaughnessy, Dr. Vanessa Hawker, Jody Weber, Carmella Sanchez, and Marc Saavedra.

### 2. Previous Meetings Minutes Review

No correction noted

## 3. Funding formula data verification

Dina Advani-We have sent out first draft of letters. Wednesday we should have last round of data. If you would like to schedule any time with me or need detailed level data letters, contact Johanna. Mark Chiholm- STEM health and workforce we got a detailed list from Dina. Brit has been going through list to verify. Nothing came off but a few more cip codes got added. So, the crosswalk from last year to this year is a bit different. There is a meeting coming up this Wednesday about the NCHEM results. There are no changes to the funding formula this year but maybe some for next year based on the NCHEM results. Kate McGowan-I have encountered some cip codes that were not on the crosswalk, do you want me to send them to you Dina. Dina Advani- yes please send list over.

## 4. Endowment survey

Mark Chisholm- Brit sent out detail survey for social work and education. Endowment money I know can take a while to show up. Kate McGowan- we did not get one. Charla-UNM did not get one either. Brit- UNM and NMSU both got one and were sent to the Presidents office. They then forwarded it to the departments. Our secretary has ordered very specific detailed information based on the LFC request. Kate McGowan- has NMSU replied, no one has asked me for any data. Brit- I know we heard from UNM in the education department. I will check on UNM status. Kate McGowan- I would really like to know status, so it's not forgotten. Todd DeKay in chat- did ENMU get one? Brit- yes, they did. Brendan got it. Alejandra Villalobos- ask that when data requests are sent to Presidents to please cc the IR departments so that requests are not lost, forgotten, or ignored. Kate McGowan- I got a survey from Jason Santos, and I do not know who this is and thought it was a scam. We then got second email from Patricia Roybal-Caballero legislator saying it was required. Brit- graduate student union members and Secretary Rodriguez decided to send out a survey and I was notified they would send it out and we

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as a department would be supporting them. I got the email at the same time as the HEI's. I found out at the same time as the HEI's that he was working with a state representative. Email was also from a union email and not UNM. Many were confused by this email. So, the graduate union had the legislator send out second email. We here at HED did not have any part of putting this survey together but we have been asked to support this effort by HED admin. Marc Saveedra- Can I be honest many of our institutions are very upset with HED and their handling of requests. I am going to be speaking to Stephanie later. Dr. Vanessa Hawker in chat this sounds like an IPRA request. Dawn Kenney in chat but IPRA would be treated differently. Carmella Sanchez in chat I forwarded to our IPRA office. Brit- I do not have the answers I was just told to support this measure by our Admin dept. Dr. Barbara Medina- I noticed that the weekend after labor our institutions got several emails and requests from NMHED. I think it would be fair to ask HED to be clearer on who is requesting and who needs to respond along with clear deadlines. Larry Sanderson- I would like to suggest something for HED to consider following the HLC model in communication and requests. HEI's have requested a reporting calendar from NMHED to help them be prepared for requests and deadlines. Marc Saavedra- to avoid requests getting lost or ignored it is helpful to enlist the associations. Mark Chisholm- these are all good suggestions, and we as a department will work on this.

#### 5. DEAR Updates

#### a. Marital Status

Dina Advani- we had some concerns come up at our eDEAR training sessions. We found out that the marital field in the fasa application collects more than 4 categories and our eDEAR system only allows 4 categories. We are asking that the institutions to just categorize them in our 4 categories until we can institute these changes for next year's reporting. Kate McGowan- I noticed last week there were more than 4 categories in the fasfa and wondered if any of the institutions got notice or is everyone finding out as they are gathering their data. Dina Advani- we will be checking some of the already submitted files to check for additional fields (5 or 6) in the files. Kate McGowan- the other interesting thing I noticed in our files, there were negative values in student income and parent income from banner. If HED goes back to collecting this data just be aware of the negative values. Mark Chisholm- we didn't collect student income or parent income this year because we got some information from SHEOO fasfa was pulling income data directly from the IRS taxes. Financial data can be used to determine aid eligibility by financial aid officers but could not be shared outside that function. So, I felt it was safer to not collect this data and just use SAI.

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### 6. Dual credit update

Mark Chisholm- shared screen with dual credit data. We are still not where we were in 2019 but we are on a upward trend. We continue to have some students that are not dual credit but are high school students that are concurrent. Most dual credit data is from public high schools.

### 7. Policy updates

Not discussed postponed for next meeting

- 8. Next meeting
  - a. Currently scheduled for October 20, 2025
  - b. Meeting dates for the rest of 2025:
    - i. November 10
    - ii. December 8
  - c. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas?