



Data Advisory Group meeting minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

October 20, 2025

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1. Welcome & Introductions

In Attendance: Mark Chisholm, Dina Advani, Jody Weber, Kathleen Sena, Johanna Sandoval, Carmella Sanchez, Anita Gavin, Charla Orozco, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Kate McGowan, Larry Sanderson, Joey Leakakos, William Brown, and Dr. Barbara Medina (NMACC).

2. Previous Meetings Minutes Review –

No corrections noted.

3. Discuss aligning outcomes reporting

Mark Chisholm- Follow up on the GRO money is being spent. If it is possible. it would be greatly beneficial for reporting purposes both state and federal. This is just to put it on the table and start talking. Maybe each institution could put out a list of what reporting is currently being asked of them and HED can compile. What we don't have is accurate list of what jobs applicants are. This is a request to let us HED know what kind of output data requests the HEI's are currently doing. This would be for reporting on job outcomes and Higher Education continuation. Charla Orozco, in chat we get a lot of questions about where our students are employed, how much they are making also about gainful employment.

4. DEAR data corrections

Dina Advani- corrections coming out of the funding formula discussions. I would like to discuss a set timeline for data corrections. We are open to suggestions on what or when the timeline should be for cutting off on data corrections. Charla Orozco- what would be very helpful is a methodological right up. Being able to compare was very helpful. But also having the logic makes it easier to match. Dina Advani- we are trying to make this available we have made some changes this year to the formula. We did try this year to make it a bit more streamlined. I will share this logic with anyone that requests. Kate McGowan- I would like to have a copy of the logic as well. Dina Advani- we also need to look over our technical manual and update if necessary.

5. Census discussion

Mark Chisholm- The Census is posted on the NMHED website. The results increased 3.2%. FTE up 5.3%. First time freshman dropped a little bit. This will probably be trend as high school graduates drop. We are still not quite back to where we were prior to the pandemic. Research University are higher than they were prior to the pandemic. All



institutions with exception of Community Colleges are up prior to the pandemic. The data we received from some of the institutions was not very precise. We did reach out to some and got it cleaned up. But some data still seems to be off, and we will be reaching out. Not sure if there was some confusion or if it was the new format. Kate McGowan- was NMSU data off? Johanna Sandoval- no NMSU's data was fine.

Kate McGowan-Census form was difficult for us since we report for multiple institutions. There is no way to save once it's started. We have one person to fill in the data, and another must approve. It was also difficult to print. Also, there was no confirmation or a way to obtain a completed copy. Dina Advani- this was our first time using micro soft forms. We will investigate this and hope to have these options available for the spring census in March.

6. Faculty & Salary survey discussion

Faculty Fall 2023 survey has been posted. Brittany is close to finishing up the 2024 survey but some of the institutions have asked for a review period. Once that is complete, we will post on the website. Our faculty report is meant to align with IPEDS to try and make it easier for the Institutions. But we are getting data back that is very different from IPEDS. Not sure if it's whether our instructions are not clear or it's that institutions are just incredibly busy or if different people are filling out these reports. We are trying to make the data as comparable as possible. Let me know if the institutions find our survey questions are not consistent with the IPEDS and we will try to fix them. Charla Orozco- salary questions were challenging for us. We don't see the break down we just see what faculty gets paid and we were unable to provide a breakdown. We tried to make it as clear as we could. Would it be better for me to reach out to faculty and ask them an average of what they get paid by credit hour instead of using the reported data. Kate McGowan- we faced the same issue especially if they are getting paid for multiple roles. I had to go back to their actual faculty contracts and get the data from there for their pay on only their faculty role.

Mark Chisholm- we will look at solutions to this issue and hope we can make this easier. We are trying to devise an HED reporting schedule to help the HEI's be prepared for our data requests/reports. Carmela Sanchez- in chat maybe we should see what we can ascertain from the existing IPEDS reports and not recollect information. Mark Chisholm- this in theory would be great but IPEDS does not publish data for a year after. This is why we tried to replicate their questions in hopes the HEI's already had this data on hand.

7. Funding formula committee

a. Cip related issues

Mark Chisholm- this year's funding formula will most likely be the same. There maybe some slight changes to take in points from the NCHEMs.

Staff recommendations are next year we are going to try and come up with a measure of transfer. We want to review our STEM mapping and our tiers. I think we need to set up a



committee to review these issues. We do have other states' methods to compare with. I believe an external committee would be beneficial. Charla Orozco- I'd like to be part of that committee. Mark Chisholm- this is exactly what I am asking for is for individuals to volunteer to be a part of this committee. Carla Sanchez- me too. Kate McGowan- there have been questions on how cip changes would be beneficial to funding. There is not a lot of documentation as to why those cip codes are acceptable or how the decision was made. Calixto or I would like to participate in this committee. Mark Chisholm- I believe this is a good idea and should be priority for us. We hope to get this committee set up sooner than later.

8. Next meeting

- a. Currently scheduled for November 10, 2025
- b. Meeting dates for the rest of 2025:
 - i. December 8
- c. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas?
Charla Orozco- I would like to add a topic to the upcoming agenda: collecting parenting student status statewide. Mark Chisholm- does this mean how many students are parents? Charla Orozco- Yes, there have been inquiries/ discussions on exactly how many students are parents. We here at UNM are making steps to prepare for this. I believe this will be coming in a mandate either this legislative session or next. Mark Chisholm- we will add this and look at ways to do this.