

New Mexico Higher Education Department
Data Advisory Group
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The Data Advisory Group (DAG) will enable the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) to receive valuable institutional review, advice, and recommendations regarding the collection and reporting of data that will inform higher education initiatives in New Mexico. Members of the DAG will be appointed by NMHED Cabinet Secretary to represent institutional expertise in data and reporting, with the intent to represent both the various institutional sectors of public higher education institutions in New Mexico and the different geographic regions of the state. The DAG will be co-chaired by the NMHED Director of Academic Policy and the NMHED Director of Planning and Research.

The NMHED collects unit record data from all public higher education institutions in New Mexico, including Tribal Colleges, through the Electronic Data Editing and Reporting System, (eDEAR). This data drives the state funding formula and is used by the agency to provide research and analysis within adult and post-secondary education. Review and maintenance of eDEAR will be one of the primary topics for the DAG.

In addition to discussions of improvements to eDEAR, the DAG will be asked to advise the NMHED including:

- the design of data dashboards,
- the use of eDEAR data in preparing statewide reports,
- design of research projects on issues such as:
 - dual credit,
 - tracking transfer students from one institution to another,
 - placement of graduates in the workforce
- discussion of broad policy areas involving data and reporting by the NMHED
 - Common Course Numbering
 - General Education Curriculum
 - Student Level Data System (SLDS)

The Data Advisory Group will meet periodically utilizing remote technology to provide guidance and support to the agency to ensure continued data integrity and thorough analysis. Meetings will be limited to DAG members, but minutes will be prepared and posted for each meeting and subject-matter experts will be invited to attend meetings as needed.