



Data Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

April 14, 2025

1. Welcome & Introductions

In attendance: Mark Chisholm, Dina Advani, Johanna Sandoval, Brittany Shaughnessy, Joey Leakakos, Kathleen Sena, Alejandra Villalobos Melendez, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, Charla Orozco, Todd, DeKay, John Bollweg, Kate McGowan, Larry Sanderson, Dr. Vanessa Hawker, Dawn Kenney, Marc H. Saavedra.

John Bollweg noted he will be leaving the DAG group as he has taken a position out of state.

New members- Alejandra Villalobos Melendez, Carrie Tsosie-Jim and Larry Sanderson

2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes

No Corrections or concerns noted.

3. Legislative update

Mark Chisholm- HB64 has been pocket vetoed. Dr. Vanessa Hawker HB 449 was pocket vetoed also. Mark Chisholm there is a bunch of new money in financial aid to distribute. Dina and I will go through to see if any new codes will be used. Dr. Vanessa Hawker- Governor Lujan did line-item veto on the opportunity scholarship on FASA requirements. Mark Chisholm-in HB2 we had some noted modifications that were not taken into advisement.

4. Discuss the purpose of DAG and its goals

Mark Chisholm- most of you on the DAG are policy people. So, we may use the first half of the DAG to discuss more DEAR reporting and policy on the back end. This would allow policy people to attend later and data analyst to attend first half.

Dina Advani- we will be doing a DEAR training coming in mid-May. We would love some feedback on this.

5. Faculty Survey updates

Brittany Shaughnessy – shared a power point presentation. HED needs to collect faculty data per legislation. HED will be sending out mini surveys to some of the institutions to fill in some holes in the data. The Survey will be streamlined for 2025 using Microsoft forms. It will allow for individualization. Mark Chisolm- just a reminder that the survey data is identical to the data submitted by your institution to IPEDs.



6. Course levels discussion and classifications

Mark Chisholm- Kathleen and I will be doing a session on common course numbering for the Summit. eDear has been set up to report 4-digit course numbering for reporting. This will help us to determine if 4-digit course is working. We do not have good data yet to prove if common course numbering is working to improve time to degree and benefiting students when they do transfer to other in state institutions.

7. Spring Census data

Mark Chisholm- shared a spreadsheet with highlights of the data reports. available on NMHED website. Overall Spring census headcount was up 4.2% over Spring 2024. Bigger increase than in the Fall census. Bigger increase in both research institutions and independent community colleges. We've been collecting Spring census for 4 years now. The headcount for 2025 was up at all institutions. End of semester data is always higher than census data. Census data tends to follow the same pattern as end of semester data. Any questions? This is all good news. We are still below headcount numbers from before the pandemic. The Opportunity Scholarship could be responsible for increase or it may be just natural post covid recovery.

8. NMHED Technical Summit 2025

Mark Chisholm- we do plan to do a session on Dual credit. How it works and how it can be more effective. We haven't had the time to discuss or review how we can improve this exceptional benefit. We are hoping to address these issues during the Summit. There will also be a session on eDEAR reporting led by Dina Advani.

9. Next meeting

- a. Currently scheduled for May 12th 2025 @ 10AM
- b. Proposed meeting dates for first seven months of 2025:
 - i. May 12th
 - ii. June 9th and
 - iii. July 14th, 2025.
- c. Are there any topics that should be added to upcoming agendas?
 - i. Data templates