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Workforce Pell Advisory Group Meeting

May 6, 10:30 am

Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Updates

- a. A webpage has been created for the Workforce Pell Advisory Group:
<https://hed.nm.gov/resources-for-schools/workforce-pell-advisory-group>
- b. Several HED and DWS Workforce Pell staff are at the NGA WP meeting in Washington, D.C.
- c. State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) consultation began May 5; further sessions expected.

2. Workforce Pell Decision-Making Sequence

- a. Advisory Group and SWDB provide input.
- b. HED/DWS draft state plan incorporating input.
- c. Governor reviews and approves the final plan.
- d. U.S. Department of Education determines approval.

3. Projected Timeline

- a. Pilot programs invited early May.
- b. Definitions written and adopted mid-late May.
- c. Application process proposed early June; adopted early-mid June.
- d. Pilot program application materials ready by July 1.

4. Statewide Decisions Needed

- a. Application Process & Approval Cycle**
 - i. Establish statewide approval cycle.
- b. Definitions**
 - i. Program length; IET adult education components.
 - ii. High-skill, high-wage, in-demand job definitions.
 - iii. Stackable, portable, terminal credentials.

5. Verification Processes / Oversight

- a. Verify stackability, portability, and employer-aligned competencies.



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6. Data Methodological Processes

- a. Completion rate definitions.
- b. Job placement rate definitions.
- c. Value-added earnings calculations.

7. Data Shifts

- a. Flagging Workforce Pell programs.
- b. Cross-agency data alignment.
- c. Establish cohort definitions; match enrollment, awards, and completion.
- d. Validate DEAR and federal submissions; consistent program codes.