

2012-2013 NSWG

Orientation and Participant Roles

Orientation

▣ Purpose

- Serve as a communication tool between the Department and States
- Identify key areas of State interest and concerns around accountability issues
- Provide a forum for further inspection of ideas and recommendations

▣ History

- Began as an informal means of conversation with a few States around 2000-2001.
- Developed as interest increased from a few States to many and included both secondary and postsecondary programs

▣ Benefits

- Helps the Department stay focused on important issues surrounding accountability
- Gives States a broader feel for what other States have found successful

Participant Roles

▣ State and Local

- NSWG initially set up as a communications tool for State accountability professionals tasked with providing the Department with the required Perkins accountability data and information
- Role was to provide a resource to other states and information to the Department

▣ Secondary and Postsecondary

- Quickly became evident that both secondary and postsecondary groups needed to be included
- Role was to be sure to include both groups in discussions and recommendations

▣ National and Organizations

- National experts and organizational representatives and professionals were also soon added
- Role was to enhance information and provide both national and research perspectives

Focus on Networking and Sharing of Practices

- ▣ States found networking and sharing State and local practices to be of most value.
- ▣ Initially NSWG set up a public and private side to a web program begun in 2000-2001 called the Peer Collaborative Resource Network to facilitate the communications.
- ▣ Closely following the PCRN roll-out was the first series of national institutes initially called the Data Quality Institutes.

OVAE-DATE Updates

- ▣ State Perkins Accountability Congress (SPAC) Design Team meeting will be held next week in Washington, DC
- ▣ Perkins Blueprint efforts continue
- ▣ DATE is exploring providing TA to States virtually for conferences and meetings when available
- ▣ New monitoring schedule will be posted on PCRN