

# NSWG Call Summary

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The February 9 meeting convened at 2:00 P.M. EST with a welcome from the host and an overview of the agenda.

## Open Space: Dates for 2012 V-DQI and Suggested Topics | Jay Savage

The Virtual Data Quality Institute (V-DQI) will take place on June 6 and 7. It will be presented as a webcast. Additionally, there will likely be webinars for smaller groups. The overall focus of the V-DQI will be on CTE data integration with State Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) and connections to the emerging Workforce Data Quality Campaign.

There will be several panels. One session will likely address data-based decision making in Program of Study (POS) consortia. Another panel will likely focus on ensuring that data can be accessed, analyzed, and used, addressing approaches to data methodology. There will also be a networking session on new, emerging data use practices and state networking sessions. If you have developed strategies concerning any of these topics or there is a particular topic you would like the V-DQI to address, please let Jay Savage or Jim Schoelkopf know.

## OVAE-DATE Updates | OVAE-DATE Staff

- There will be a State Perkins Accountability Congress (SPAC) Design Team meeting in Washington, D.C. on February 22 and 23, with a full SPAC webinar *tentatively* scheduled for March 29 from 2 to 4 P.M. EST. The SPAC Design Team consists of secondary and postsecondary representatives, who were nominated by state CTE directors and invited by OVAE. The full SPAC is open to individuals with an interest in the topic.

- CAR information will be finalized before state plans are due in April.

- OVAE will host a Virtual Financial Management Institute (V-FMI) on May 10–11, 2012. The V-FMI has as its intended audience state staff with Perkins Grant and financial management responsibilities. The Institute's purpose is to share financial management procedures, regulations, and oversight of Perkins Grants.

- The National Career Clusters Institute (CCI) will take place in June in conjunction with the NASDCTEc State Director Meeting. OVAE-DATE is preparing a number of sessions for the June conference.

- OVAE will likely begin negotiations on targets and indicators at the expiration of the current grant period in early spring 2013. Twelve states received NCLB waivers, so they may need to renegotiate 1S1 and 1S2.

## SLDS P-20/W CTE Workgroup | Sharon Enright

Sharon Enright has had two opportunities to touch base with the SLDS State Support Team. The SLDS State Support Team has assigned a team member to assist the CTE workgroup. The workgroup is seeking feedback from states on whether CTE is involved in the SLDS development process at the secondary and postsecondary levels. Scott Parke recently conducted a state survey on this topic. Sharon suggested that he present his results during a future NSWG call.

Another task for the workgroup will be identifying best practices for integrating CTE into state SLDS initiatives. They plan to develop best practices documents for states.

## Common Education Data Standards (CEDs) | Sharon Enright

Sharon Enright emphasized how important it is for CTE to be actively engaged in the CEDs initiative. Version 2 was released on January 31. Sharon compared the final version to the draft the NSWG reviewed. The final version reflects many of the NSWG's suggestions. Jim sent Sharon's summary document on Version 2 to the NSWG members. Sharon thanked the group for submitting comments and John Haigh for his participation in the process. John noted that there will be a SLDS panel at the CCI. If representatives from the workgroup will be attending CCI, please let him know.

Additionally, the NACTEI conference will take place in May in Portland, Oregon. For more information, go to: (<http://www.nactei.org/>). Sharon invited states to suggest topics and consider submitting session proposals.

## Building a Longitudinal Data System Bridge | Discussion Kickoff: NSWG Chairs

There are various approaches to connecting data across education levels and data sectors. The topic for this NSWG call is bridging the gap between postsecondary CTE data and workforce data. Several NSWG members spoke about experiences in their states.

Georgia established a contract with the state Department of Labor to securely exchange data. In addition to traditional postsecondary CTE data access, Georgia has established a centralized approach to dealing with the eligible Workforce Investment Act (WIA) provider list. The state receives unemployment insurance information from the Georgia Department of Labor on graduates for use in Perkins data reporting. The Georgia Department of Labor also now shares Federal Employment Data Exchange System (FEDES) data with the Georgia Department of Education. The Technical College System of Georgia is working

toward becoming a Performance Accountability and Customer Information Agency (PACIA) under the Wage Record Interchange System (WRIS2).

In Minnesota, the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) provides the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System with access to wage and unemployment data. A data-sharing agreement between DEED and the state Department of Education has also been approved, although it may still need some signatures. The workforce data are a high priority for SLDS, but due to delays in approving the data-sharing agreement, the data may not be included in the first version. The Minnesota SLDS launched a new website

([http://www.mnp20.org/working\\_groups/longitudinal\\_data\\_system.html](http://www.mnp20.org/working_groups/longitudinal_data_system.html)), which provides fairly high-level background information.

California receives student records from the state Department of Labor, which it can use for CTE evaluation. There is an annual data match: the state mapped the first cohort for 10 years and an additional four years out of college. California cannot make effective use of the data due to scarce resources.

A participant asked what proportion of Minnesota's data is being recovered through their process. JoAnne Simser from Minnesota suggested emailing Susan Carter ([susan.carter@so.mnscu.edu](mailto:susan.carter@so.mnscu.edu)) for further information.

John Glen from the Oregon Employment Department and participants discussed the WRIS2 system. Although all states participate in WRIS, it is limited to WIA programs. WRIS2 is separate from WRIS, although both are still Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration programs. WRIS2 allows other public entities, such as state departments of education, to use out-of-state wage data for performance reporting. WRIS2 data access is also limited in that raw data must stay with the PACIA, usually the Department of Labor. The PACIA conducts analysis and provides agree-

gated data to the public agency. So far, the data-sharing agreement for WRIS2 has been signed by 20 participating states. While the majority of states currently do not have access to WRIS2 data, John anticipates that more states will join the effort later. For more information on WRIS2 and a map of participating states, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/performance/wris2.cfm>.

### Meeting Wrap-up

Jim Schoelkopf and OVAE representatives asked participants to offer topic suggestions for future NSWG calls. John Haigh indicated that the group may discuss the relationship between SLDS and POS.

The next call is scheduled for April 12 from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M. EST, with the same call-in information. The call schedule is now posted on PCRN at <http://cte.ed.gov/>.

#### **NEXT CALL:**

**April 12, 2012**

**2:00–3:00 P.M. EST**

#### **Call Number:**

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