

# NSWG Call Summary

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The September 1 meeting convened at 2:00 PM ET with a welcome from the host.

## Open Space: Recognition of the 2010–11 Planning Team | Jim Schoelkopf

Jim Schoelkopf thanked and expressed gratitude for the work of the 2010–11 NSWG planning team—Marv Johnson, Dan Smith, John Townsend, and Dennis Fiscus. Marv Johnson (Utah) and Dan Smith (Minnesota) served as secondary co-chairs this year. Dan Smith began serving toward the end of the year following Marv Johnson's retirement. John Townsend (Tennessee) served as the postsecondary representative. Dennis Fiscus (Arizona) served as the TechPrep representative for the past several years.

Dan Smith will continue serving as the secondary chair. Randy Dean, Technical College System of Georgia, will be joining the planning team as the postsecondary co-chair. Based on a recent planning team discussion, it was decided to transition the Tech Prep Co-Chair to a Program of Study (POS) Co-Chair. Robin Harris, Kansas State Department of Education, will be joining the planning team as the POS representative.

Sharon Enright (OH) will continue as the CAR-EDFacts Sub-Group Liaison. Jay Savage and John Haigh will continue to serve as the representatives from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Academic and Technical Education (OVAE-DATE).

## OVAE Updates and CAR Reporting | OVAE-DATE Staff

OVAE-DATE staff expressed their sentiments of appreciation by thanking the 2010–11 planning team.

John H. reported that DATE has secured approximately 30 spots at the November 14–16, 2011 SLDS P-20/W Best Practices Conference in Arlington, Virginia. The conference will be an opportunity to collaborate with state longitudinal data system staff. Please let John H. know if you are interested in attending.

### CAR Updates:

OVAE-DATE's goal is to have all data entered into the CAR by the December 31 deadline. If needed, extensions for entering fiscal status reports may be granted.

DATE staff encouraged NSWG participants to collaborate with their state's EDEN/EDFacts staff for the reporting of secondary CTE student data. One strategy suggested was to work with the individual(s) responsible for EDFacts data input to ensure that EDFacts-reported CTE data is correct. Since the EDFacts reporting format does not include a section for notes like the CAR accountability workbook, please include any clarifying notes for your Regional Accountability Specialist (RAS) in the accountability section of your CAR narrative.

Jay Savage reported on an important change to the 2010 CAR reporting. **Indicator 5S1—secondary placement—will be reported in the 2010 CAR.** It was previously indicated that 5S1 would be reported through EDFacts; however, EdFacts is not yet ready for the reporting of this Perkins indicator. Sharon H. is working to make sure that states have access to report 5S1 in the CAR. Looking forward to the 2011 CAR, all secondary data, including 5S1, will be reported in EdFacts.

It was requested by DATE staff that a state's definition for a CTE participant and a CTE concentrator be included in the CAR narrative—both secondary and postsecondary. For those states re-

porting Tech Prep data, a roster of Tech Prep consortia members needs to be included in the CAR narrative as well. The instructions posted on the CAR website will include this request. This year, CAR data entry requires disaggregation of data by the 1997 race and ethnicity standards only.

Sharon Head, DATE, thanked the NSWG members who participated in CAR beta testing. The minor glitches in the system have been repaired and it will be ready by October 1.

State directors should have received a CAR PIN and password, as well as a Fiscal PIN for the state designee. E-mail Sharon Head if your state did not receive this information.

There will be two CAR training sessions in the month of September. Participants will receive an e-mail once these dates are confirmed.

### NSWG—Reflection and Opportunity | OVAE-DATE Staff

OVAE-DATE staff provided input on how the NSWG is useful for their work and helps them identify networking opportunities.

Sharon Miller said the conversations planned for the upcoming NSWG call year will build on the work already accomplished, although calls will be quarterly rather than monthly. There will be more subgroup calls with quick turnaround.

CTE transformation is part of a department-wide initiative. Many NSWG members have been to presentations regarding the three primary principles for CTE in the future:

1. Rigorous POS: combining academic and technical education, dual enrollment, and industry-recognized credentials and degrees. How do we scale-up these types of programs?
2. Employability skills: problem-solving, oral communication, and written communication. Soft skills are a significant part of this effort.
3. Remaking the accountability system.

At the Virtual DQI, OVAE-DATE mentioned the State *Perkins* Accountability Congress. The goal of the Congress will be to seek agreement on the indicators and measurement approaches that should be included under the next *Perkins* reauthorization. At this stage of planning, DATE anticipates two face-to-face meetings of the Congress over the next two years—with a number of intervening webinars. OVAE-DATE is eager to convene the Congress so it can move forward whenever *Perkins* reauthorization occurs. OVAE-DATE is going to call on the NSWG to thoroughly explore these accountability issues and topics in preparation for reauthorization.

Possible quarterly call topics for 2011–12 include:

- Outcomes of a RPOS;
- Improvement of accountability system comparability, including the opportunity to realign measurement definitions among states; and
- Whether the accountability system appropriately reflects technical skill attainment.

Johan Uvin will be giving a presentation on the U.S. Department of Education's CTE transformation strategy during the quarterly call for the state directors on September 15.

### Meeting Wrap-up

The next call is scheduled for November 10 at 2:00 PM ET. The other 2011–12 NSWG call schedule dates are February 9, April 12, and May 10. The Draft schedule for the 2011–12 calls will be posted in the NSWG briefcase.

A reminder, let Jim Schoelkopf or John Haigh know if you would like to participate in the SLDS P-20/W Best Practices Conference, November 14–16, 2011.

#### NEXT CALL:

**November 10, 2011**

**2:00–3:00 PM ET**

#### Call Number:

**888-751-0624**

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