African American /Black Student Success Plan Advisory Group Meeting Minutes November 6, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Oregon State Library

PARTICIPANTS

Participants in Person:

■ Kali Ladd **区** Tony Hopson ■ Megan Irwin ■ Cheryl Myers **☒** John Scott ☑ George Russell Iris Bell ■ Shelaswau Crier ■ Reginald Nichols ■ Karen Fisher Gray ■ Kendra Hughes ■ Renee Anderson **▼** Joyce Harris **☑** Laurie Wimmer ■ Ronnie Herndon ☑ Charles McGee ■ Lolenzo Poe

■ Monique Joseph

Participants via Live Stream:

▼ Yvette Alex Assensoh

☑ Joseph Jefferson ☑ Joe McFerrin ☑ Mark Jackson

Meeting Scribe: Victoria Garcia

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome Co-Chair Joyce Harris Co-Chair Charles McGee	Joyce Harris welcomed group back to our second meeting. She talked about the Resource Teams that met via phone last week.	Joyce called meeting to order at 9:12 AM.
	Kendra Hughes called roll for the meeting.	Roll was called.
	Old Business: • Members reviewed update on HB2016 charter.	Members reviewed update on HB 2016 Charter. Kendra addressed the additions and will contact Joe McFerrin to get clarity and make changes he suggested. She will make changes for the meeting on the 17 th and at that time group can vote to accept changes.
		Joyce Harris responded to the question about accountability for the grant application process. Grant applicants will be accountable for creating accountable measures and this will be monitored by ODE staff.
	 Review Framework Template Kendra- passed out draft operational framework template to the Resource Teams. 	Groups are to consider intermediate goals and relevant data. Things we are looking for



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		1. What relevant data have
		you found or seen related
		to your category.
		2. What are those best or
		promising practices that we
		need to look into or pursue
		3. Is there a nationally
		recognized speaker, consultant, practitioner
		doing the work in our
		state? Could they be an
		influence on our work?
		4. Any other considerations
		that should guide the
		conversations you will be
		having.
		Joyce Harris went over the new
	New Business:	materials members received in
	Review Research Materials for Binders	their packets. Members who
		provided documents to Kendra
		Hughes, talked about their
		document.
		Kendra Hughes provided
		updated contact list to add to
		your binders. Kendra Hughes also asked for the teams to
		identify a coordinator that
		would be the contact person
		for Kendra Hughes.
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		Member asked if all documents that will be included for binder
		if it can also go out electronic
		to all members. Group agreed
		to this. Kendra Hughes said she
		can have the documents
		posted on ODE website
		where members can access it.
		Kendra Hughes will work on
		this and contact the group with the link to access the webpage.
	Joyce asked group to share their reflections on this work.	the link to decess the webpage.
	Group members took turns sharing their thoughts.	At this time teams met to talk
		about their team resource
	Thoughts on reflection	meetings. Teams then updated
	Implementation	the whole group on what they
	Implementation Science	have done and what they feel
	Accountability of folks	



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	 Mindful to keep focus on decision makers How do we know that this will be done. 	is important for the group to know.
	Joyce reminded group that we are charged to move this work forward.	
Resource Team Updates	Teams broke off into team to discuss their meeting. They are as follows:	Members shared their reflections with the larger group regarding the work that we are doing.
	Farly Childhood to Kindorgarton	we are doing.
	Early Childhood to Kindergarten	Monique Joseph reported that he Early Childhood to Kindergarten team wanted to know what the universe looked like first. 1. They wanted to know about the black children being served by the state in all programming from immunizations to prenatal care, birth rate and infant mortality, childhood hunger based on ethnicity and age with percentages and how many daycare homes are serving black children. 2. What are the structural
		perimeters that will impede the process for outcomes being measured? George Russell reported that the Kindergarten to Grade 3 team wanted discussed: Professional development around culturally specific practices and culturally
		responsiveness School readiness in Kindergarten and First Grade Parent/Family/Community involvement is necessary. Community can be a resource Family well-being and the
		importance of partnerships and collaboration for



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		community base organizations Absenteeism at K-3 and what is the role African American family's play in enabling absenteeism in the African American kids? How can we work with the school system and families to provide support? Identify and look at practices that are already successful across the state and how we can learn from those.
		Karen Fisher Gray reported that he Grade 4 to Middle School team met via phone w/Lolenzo Poe, Laurie Wimmer, and Kendra Hughes. • Attendance and Absenteeism. What is currently working in the schools? Parkrose SD has The Black Parent Initiative, they do parenting work and in home visits. • AVID has an African American Male Initiative that is highly successful. • Tools for teachers in the classroom. • Needing short/long term measures • How do we build school/ state resources? We need money to do the work. How do get the money to do proper work? • Needing direction from African American Community.
		 Attendance Works across the county using AmeriCorps Volunteers workers. They go into the homes and talk with parents to find out what resources parents need,



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		 what do they need in order to get the kids to school? Mental health services. We need more access for students and parents. We need to consider simple things that are already moving the dial and scale those things up. Partnerships in community from asset-based model and not a deficit-based model. Race can't continue to predict student success, it has to stop.
	 The Grade 9-12 Team had a few questions that were brought up by Shelaswau Crier. Can someone compile a list of all the programs that are already existing, programs that are done by districts and individual schools & by nonprofit in the area. Who exactly are they serving and what are the overlaps? That way we can look at what is already working here and see where it might fit. What is being done successfully with other minority groups? Can we get a better understanding on what their path has been like so far? What have they presented certain things to Legislature? What things and what recommendations. What has been the interplay between them and ODE? Can they get an update on what those things look like? 	 Shelaswau Crier reported that the Grade 9-12 team discussed: Short/Term long term goals. In short, what can be implemented immediately Long Term – could be culturally responsive teaching. It could be a short term and long term piece. Open community meetings, parent/student like OEIB does. Give the community a voice and accountability piece.
		Kendra Hughes will invite April Campbell, the Project Coordinator for the American Indian/Alaska Native State Education Plan to the next meeting to share their plan and process.
		Reginald Nichols reported that the Higher Education group discussed: Collecting data, community college and grad rates, relative to African Americans Students Do we have legal permission to do the work?

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Public Testimony	Alaiya Foster. The representation of this group is diverse and powerful. Her question is from a longevity stand point she is wondering about sustainability as members of their group start to retire? That is her big questions down the road as this plan gets moving. "Who are the up and coming leaders from the community who are not here today? How are we bridging the gap as well as we talking about this. Who are the educators that will be in your positions 10 to 20 years from now, what are we going to be doing with them as they are coming up"? Does that make sense? Steve Fleischman from Education Northwest introduced himself. He is not giving testimony at this time. He just wanted to say he appreciated the opportunity to sit in and attend.	The team wants to make sure there are no barriers. They wanted to know if AG office was aware • What is the retention of African American Students in Success Programs? • Who collects data on public colleges and university's related to grad rate for African American Students? • Received information relative to Community College Retention and grad rates relative to African American Students. This is coming. Joyce Harris advised the group that if the group as a whole had any more questions for the AG, that they should get submitted at the same time. Teams were directed to send questions to Kendra Hughes who will collect them and plan next steps.
Working Lunch	Group members were given time to take a break, pick up tier lunch and then return to their resource teams.	
Resource Team Meetings continue	Kendra Hughes instructed the group to continue their discussions in their resource teams.	Kendra Hughes instructed the groups to look at their framework to identify a project success measure and the priorities we have included.



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		What do you think your grade level needs? What recommendation would the team make for the plan? Kendra Hughes provided information about the December meeting and reminded teams that they will have additional time to discuss and identify recommendations at that meeting. ODE will begin drafting the plan in December. Members will receive guidance at the 11/17 meeting as to what information we would like from your various groups.
Wrap up and Next Steps	Karen asked if the group was interested in using the Superintendents distribution list to send out survey to ask question about best practices for African American Students across the state.	Kendra Hughes will work with Karen Fisher Gray about the survey and determine if this something we should do.
	Kendra Hughes asked the group if they are interested in having students come talk to us about their experiences. They can come and give testimony to us as a group. Based on the number of group members from the Portland Metro Area, the group discussed options for meeting in	Joyce Harris asked about a protocol for communications and wanted more guidance from ODE on this. Charles McGee suggested that we talk about this at next meeting.
	Portland. Iris Bell reminded the group the preliminary report is due to the legislature in January. Resource Team Meetings need to happen before the 17 th .	 Future dates were identified: Friday, December 4, 2015 Friday, January 8, 2016 Friday, February 5, 2016 Friday, March 4, 2016 Friday, April 1, 2016 Friday, May 6, 2016 Friday, June, 2016
		Meetings will be from 9-2. Kendra Hughes will send invite to members for these meetings.
	Next Meeting: November 17 th location TBD-We will send	Team Coordinators: EC-K: Monique Joseph K-3: George Russell 4-MS Transition: Karen Gray
	out notice as to where it will be. Meeting will be from 9-2 on the 17 th .	Grade 9-12: Shelaswau Crier HE: Reginald Nichols

