

Kindergarten to College Workgroup Meeting July 25, 2007 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Governor's Budget Office Conference Room 2 nd Floor State Capitol DRAFT Minutes		
Agenda	Notes	Action Item
1:00 pm Roll Call	Attendance: Erin Williams, <i>Parent Representative</i> Steve Meloy, <i>Board of Public Education</i> Janine Pease, <i>Board of Regents</i> Bud Williams, <i>Office of Public Instruction</i> Sheila Stearns, <i>Commissioner of Higher Education</i> James Stipcich, <i>Student Assistance Foundation</i> Diane Moog, <i>School for the Deaf and Blind</i> Jonathan Windy Boy, <i>Governor's Representative</i> Hank Hudson, <i>DPHHS</i> Keith Kelly, <i>Commissioner of Labor & Industry</i> Pam Cote, <i>Office of Economic Development</i> Dick Clark, <i>Chief Information Officer</i> Jan Lombardi, <i>Governor's Education Policy Advisor</i> Excused: David Ewer, <i>Budget Director</i> Steve Gettel, <i>School for the Deaf and Blind</i> Rachel Grosvold, <i>Student Representative</i> Linda McCulloch, <i>Superintendent of Public Instruction</i> Vicki Turner, <i>DPHHS</i> Andy Poole, <i>Department of Commerce</i>	

<p>1:05 pm Introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan introduced Anna Green, new employee in the Governor's Office 	
<p>1:10 pm Opening Remarks <i>Chairperson Erin Williams</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good legislative session for kids and education • While December's meeting was more contemplative of the work that needed to be done, the workgroup is now ready for action • Erin reminded everyone of the purpose of the workgroup and that it is now time to get the Homework done • State of Montana is on the move; with 2% unemployment, a strong education system is needed to build a ready workforce • Southern Regional Education Board report, <u>Building Transitions from High School to College and Careers for Montana's Youth</u> conveniently arrived before the meeting and it will serve as a guide for the meeting 	
<p>1:10 pm Approve December 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Stearns made a motion to approve the December 06 meeting minutes; motion was seconded by Jim Stipcich 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve December 14th meeting minutes
<p>1:15 pm Governor's Homework Assignments: Legislative Successes <i>Governor's Education Advisor Jan Lombardi</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Lombardi walked the group through the legislative successes in the Strategic Plans <u>Comparative Worksheet</u>; action items approved by the legislature show up throughout the Governor's Homework Assignments • Bud Williams commented that 86% of incoming Kindergarteners would be enrolled in a Full-Time Kindergarten program and the 2007 session made history by funding Full-Time Kindergarten • Hank added that the expansion of CHIP, and children's mental health also fell into the Homework Assignment to get kids ready for 	

	<p>school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bud Williams reminded the group that the 2007 session made history by funding Full-Time Kindergarten • Steve Meloy reminded the group that the legislature is asking for more accountability from agencies and there will be some good data available in a few years when the first full-time kindergarteners reach the 2nd and 3rd grade • Sheila commented that previous efforts to prevent a tuition increase had failed • Erin concluded that the general feeling of the group was that there were many positive outcomes of the session • Jonathan Windy Boy asked a question about TANF; Hank answered that the recent TANF reauthorization devalued education because continuing education could not help qualify a person for TANF 	
<p>2:00 pm Facilitated Discussion: Students Ready for College and Work <i>Vice-Chairperson Janine Pease</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janine familiarized the workgroup with the Strategic Plans Comparative Worksheet and concluded that each education agency's strategic plans have a pathway that goes together and they share a lot of common ground • Janine thanked the staff at OPI, OCHE, and BPE for their work on the Comparative Worksheet and added that not only did the session make history, but also that a future was being created before our eyes • Janine presented an overview of the SREB report. The report came out of a facilitated discussion in August 2006 to define a pathway 	

	<p>to move forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workgroup went through a process with the recommendations in the SREB report to learn where the group was most interested in making progress in the next 18 months • The report identifies seven “challenges” that Montana faces in getting students ready for college and work; each challenge lists 5-10 actions that Montana can take • For each challenge, group members voted for the top three most important action items 	
<p>3:15 pm Break</p>		
<p>3:30 pm Facilitated Discussion cont'd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top three action items were posted on the whiteboard; workgroup identified which agencies had those action items embedded in the agency’s strategic plan. It was important to identify action items that required multi-agency participation • Each workgroup member then voted for the top three action items for Montana to successfully prepare students to be college and workforce ready • Action item “<i>Set reasonable – but ambitious – annual targets toward meeting the 100 percent graduation goal and provide incentives to schools for meeting them</i>” received the third most points, but because it did not require multi-agency participation, no one was chosen to take the lead. Bud Williams may give info on AYP at next workgroup meeting • Members of the workgroup were chosen to take 	<p>The top three action items and the lead agencies are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Implement a single system for educational data that links all education data systems from pre-kindergarten through higher education.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sheila Stearns/OCHE will take the lead ✓ Bud Williams/OPI will co-chair ✓ NOTE: the word “single” does not work for MT; need to have K-12, Higher Ed, and workforce data systems that “talk” to each other 2. <i>Require essential core courses for all high school students.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bud Williams/OPI will take the lead

	<p>the lead on working on those action items; the lead agency will develop an 18-month work plan and report to the January Board of Education meeting; the lead people will email the full K-College workgroup to see who is interested in being involved in each action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kindergarten to College workgroup reached consensus on the top three actions that will get Montana students ready for college and work; these actions will help the Board of Education to complete the Governor's Homework Assignments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Steve Meloy/BPE will co-chair ✓ NOTE: The specific number of courses in the SREB report may not be the desired outcome, but the participants committed to the goal of reaching agreement on core courses and/or high school graduation requirements <p>3. <i>Adopt an overarching dual enrollment policy statewide, establishing methods for developing, implementing and monitoring dual enrollment in Montana's postsecondary institutions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Steve Meloy/BPE will take the lead ✓ Bud Williams/OPI will co-chair
<p>4:15 pm Other items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Lombardi introduced the National Math & Science Initiative; UTeach grant attracts mathematics, science, and computer science undergraduates into the teaching profession; a second grant is to create training and incentive programs for AP and Pre-AP courses • The next Kindergarten to College Workgroup meeting will be during the first week in October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Stearns made a motion for the workgroup to agree to go after this grant and support the Governor's Office, which will take the lead in applying; motion was approved • Janine Pease will give the Kindergarten to College Workgroup update to the Board of Education on September 13th
<p>4:30 pm Adjourn</p>		