



Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Date: January 28, 2025

Council members present: John Hagan, Adam Clark, Sheila Vitale, Dean Manke, Jennifer Schorr, Dave Cash, Tiffany Delong, Cris Gulacy-Worrel

Department staff in attendance: Colleen Grady, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. With eight members present, a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cris Gulacy-Worrel made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Adam Clark seconded the motion. January 2025 minutes were approved by a vote of 8-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Colleen Grady provided the list of resolutions previously adopted by the Council.

- Adjusting the DOPR age range to 14-24
- Additional pathways (revise OAC)
- Funding for students ages 22-24
- Fully fund online DOPR supplement (has been put into law)
- Revise online funding formula to include DPIA
- Eliminate disproportionate payment of Catastrophic Aid
- Supplemental funding for DOPR transportation

The Council discussed issues between community schools and career tech planning districts. The Department will provide information regarding community school/CTPD participation and expenditure data. The Council also discussed a possible resolution regarding facility funding for expansion and start-up funding.

22+ DATA

Colleen Grady shared data on the 22+ Program as well as the FY2023 Annual Report. The Department will share the FY2024 Annual Report with the Council once it is available.



GIS MAPPING OVERVIEW

Becky Crance with the Office of Career Technical Education provided background information as well as the uses and benefits of the Ohio In-Demand Jobs & CTE Pathways Alignment Map Tool. It was noted that this map is outdated and is a snapshot of 2022. The Department is currently working on a contract to update the map to include job projections.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Colleen Grady provided the following updates to the Council.

- The nomination window for the Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship was extended to February 14
- Any requests to change sponsors along with all supporting documentation must be submitted to community.schools@education.ohio.gov no later than 5:00pm February 15.
- A Career Tech and Workforce Literacy Webinar will be held at 1:00pm February 6, with the Office of Career Tech and Buckeye Community Hope Foundation
- The Support Schools Tool opens in February, there is a [webinar](#) being held on February 6 and [Open Office Hours](#) being held on February 21.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council members discussed the Governor's Merit Scholarship, and the different standards required for Dropout Prevention students. These standards would like to be discussed in the future. The Department will provide additional information on this program related to Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools. The Department will share legislative updates and preliminary information on the Executive budget at the next DOPR Advisory Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dave Cash made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tiffany Delong seconded the motion. There were no objections offered. Chair Hagan adjourned the Council meeting at 12:46 pm.