

Date and Time: Thursday, March 21, 2024, 2:30-4:00pm

Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Attendees: Tim Benz, Eric Billiet, John, Burczek Dreier, Heather Charmoli, David LaPorte, Erin Doan, Elizabeth Ebot, Jeremiah Ellis, Jessica Espinosa, Chibuzo Ezeigbo, Nancy Floyd, Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna, Zeke Jackson, Heidi Johnson, Daron Korte, Josiah Litant, Jesse Mason, Katie McClelland, Bob McMaster, Anthony Miller, Nora Morris, Jennifer Murray, Michael Padgett, Jon Peterson, Sally Reynolds, Wendy Robinson, Maira Rosas-Lee, Megan Rozowski, Lauryn Schothorst, Julie Selander, Jen Verbrugge, Liz Williams, Kevin Xiong,

Notes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Minutes from last meeting approved with no changes.

2. Remembering Eugene Piccolo

Josiah mentioned the loss of former longtime P-20 member Eugene Piccolo. Daron Korte from MDE spoke about Eugene, his work, and his passion for the charter school movement. Remarks were followed by a moment of silence. Josiah passed on condolences from the P-20 to the Minnesota Charter School Association community.

3. Executive Director Updates

Josiah provided updates on several projects he has been engaged in and working on:

- Adding a co-chair to each subcommittee. These will support the existing committee, and Executive Committee members will also stay involved as liaisons to the Board.
- Lunch and Learn pilot to be launched. Offered as hybrid. Starting with the top 4 topics members identified this year—two in spring, two in fall/winter.
- Josiah is developing an equity planning and assessment tool. The P-20's equity commitments were also added to the website for visibility. He is currently working on developing tools. First is a list of questions to guide discussions and project/committee planning. Second is a rubric to evaluate how well things are going during the project/committee and also to evaluate at the end of the initiative. These will be utilized starting later this year.
- Josiah is in the midst of his state P-20 visits. North Carolina and Mississippi have both been completed, Illinois, Kentucky, and Hawaii are coming soon. Hope to share lessons learned at July P-20. These visits are feeding into Josiah's work on a proposal for new structure for the P-20 to enhance our focus, processes, and deliverables.

This will be presented to the Executive Committee at their August retreat and hopefully shared for feedback with the full P-20 later in 2024.

- April financial summit – each member org has been invited to have at least one seat at this event (sponsored by the FAL committee of P-20). Let Josiah if your organization doesn't receive an invite.
- Josiah has been invited to give more P-20 presentations around the state about who we are and what we do. Feel free to connect him with other organizations who might be interested in learning more about this.
- Josiah shared a quote he heard while he was visiting the NC P-20 because it feels very relevant: "What can we do together that we cannot do alone" (Cecilia Holden, CEO of myFutureNC). Think about how that quote drives the work of this group.
- (See Josiah's slide for more information)

4. Department of Children, Youth, and Families implementation overview

Welcomed Elizabeth Ebot from MMB to present on this topic, along with her colleague Erin Doan. They will be talking about how the work is going to implement this new agency as of 7/1/24.

- A team of 4 key leaders at MMB are working on implementing the new agency.
- Why create this? 1.3 million children in the state 1/3 are low income, 1/3 people of color. The goal is to center them in policy and budget decisions.
- New agency will have pieces that currently sit at MDE, DHS, MDH, Public Safety.
- Goals: Alignment of outcomes and pursuit of equity, elevate priorities and funding needs, and cross agency collaboration. More culturally relevant programming. Whole family focus. Consolidate early childhood programs, enhance equitable outcomes.
- 2023 Minnesota Session Law Chapter 70: programs will be brought over between July 1, 2024 – July 1, 2025
- A revisor bill to update the technical changes that are needed in state law has passed both chambers.
- (See Elizabeth's slides for more information)
- Questions/Comments:
 - David Laporte: Focus is on ages birth – 8? Yes and no. Programs to support up to 8, but there will also be programs for youth and young adults. How are you going to focus on PreK since this is crucial to future success? How are you going to coordinate with school districts? K-12 education will remain at MDE, and this agency will work to ensure that transitions for user populations are seamless, in partnership with MDE and other agencies—interagency work will still be central. Coordination will be written into the interagency agreements.
 - Josiah – how do people follow up with questions? Contact info in chat, contact Elizabeth with questions.
 - Nancy Floyd: mapping learner lifespan. Do you have the report this group did a few years ago? Josiah will share the report with Elizabeth.

5. Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB) and MNP20 collaboration overview

Katie McClelland is a P-20 member and executive director of GWDB. Her presentation will talk about how MNP20 and GWDB interact, along with a new structure for more intentional interagency coordination that GWDB is looking at.

We have the largest GWDB in the country. Wide representation on the board. Goal is to bring partners together. Use the national governor's association template. Work to link programs across agencies rather than direct delivery of programming. Katie provided an overview of the current and future structure, and discussed how GWDB is looking to lead state-level work that integrates across multiple agencies and groups like P-20. GWDB is playing an active role in creating partnerships to implement new federal opportunities/grants.

Q: David L – have you looked at developing transferable skills?

A: Yes this is key to our model. We are working with employers to break down specific skills and competencies that are in demand. Trying to build on work that is already being done.

Q: Megan R – important to look at pathways but need to be sure that we don't pigeon hole certain populations – need to be aware of equity implications

A: We need to get people earning and learning sooner – across all populations looking at the long pathway with all options on the table.

Discussion questions for consideration were shared on the screen, with regard to how MNP20 and GWDB can integrate and coordinate our work together. This will be an ongoing conversation with this group. Contact information in the chat and in the slides. Katie will be on parental leave over the summer. (See Katie's slides for more information.)

6. Announcements, updates, invitations, questions

No one had any further announcements to share.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.