

Date/time: July 25, 2024, 2:30-4:00pm
Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
Attendees: Tim Benz, Eric Billiet, Crystal Brakke, Heather Charmoli, Joey Cienian, Nathan Coulter, Jeremiah Ellis, Jessica Espinosa, Chibuzo Ezeigbo, Satasha Green-Stephen, Sheila Hoffman, Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna, Zeke Jackson, Dylan Jacovo, Jennifer Kunze, Josiah Litant, Angela Mansfield, Jesse Mason, Anthony Miller, Nora Morris, Lauren Norton, Dennis Olson, Jon Peterson, Maureen Ramirez, Sally Reynolds, Wendy Robinson, Izzy Rojas, Maira Rosas-Lee, Megan Rozowski, Lauryn Schothorst, Raj Singh, Darrin Strosahl, Jennifer Verbrugge, Liz Williams

Notes:

1. Welcome and introductions

Josiah welcomed new Executive Committee member Dr. Raj Singh, the new Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Singh introduced himself. Other new members and guests introduced themselves. Minutes from last meeting approved with no changes.

2. Presentation and discussion of P-20 state visits

Josiah presented about his visits to five other state P-20s over the past six months, highlighting takeaways from each state and general takeaways as they relate to the Minnesota P-20. *See PowerPoint presentation for more information.*

3. Theory of Change presentation and feedback

Josiah introduced the Theory of Change project, which builds on the work that was recently completed to launch the P-20's new mission, vision, and commitment document (viewable on the P-20 website now). Josiah introduced Lauren Norton and Dylan Jacovo at Education Strategy Group who have lead this work through a grant received from the Gates Foundation.

Dylan presented an overview of what a Theory of Change is and why it's useful. He then shared the full draft Theory of Change for MNP20, diving into each section of the document to explain it more thoroughly.

Comments and feedback were shared by MNP20 members. Dylan shared a link to a feedback form for further input, and Josiah said he would send the link out to all members tomorrow so that everyone could take more time to review and give input on the materials (and so that members not here can review it as well). This work will be finalized in early August, and Josiah talked about how the new mission, vision, and

commitments and the new theory of change document will both be the critical foundation MNP20 needs to begin a strategic planning process in 2025.

See PowerPoint presentation for more information.

4. Announcements, updates, invitations, questions

- a. Josiah mentioned that a further wrap-up of 2024 legislative session is still planned, and will happen at the September meeting. We will also use this time to talk about what folks are seeing ahead for the 2025 session.
- b. Josiah reminded members that the September meeting is a longer meeting and is in-person at OHE. Details are in the calendar invite members have received and also on our website. The meeting will be approximately 2 hours with some social connection time after. There will be snacks too!
- c. Josiah let members know that the legislature made a statutory change to MNP20's statute, and pulled the Military Interstate Compact (MIC3) out of MNP20's responsibilities. The MIC3 will now go back to having its own council, as it used to. MNP20 will certainly collaborate with their efforts, but we are not responsible for the previous functions that were under our purview related to MIC3.
- d. Megan Rozowski asked Commissioner Olson if there are any updates on work that is being done to help get more FAFSAs completed this summer. Commissioner Olson said that a press conference was held a few months ago to call attention to Minnesota's FAFSA filing rates and try to increase participation in FAFSA completions. The Commissioner stated that OHE has been working with multiple organizations and philanthropies, and has distributed two grants to help boost efforts to reach students and families (specifically working with College Possible and Achieve Twin Cities). Even with the massive national challenges with FAFSA due to the delayed and challenging roll-out from the Dept of Ed this year, Minnesota is in the top two or so of states for completion this year—though we still have challenges and gaps. The Commissioner says he will continue to share updates as we have them. Assistant Commissioner Robinson shares that we will have financial aid staffing at the OHE table at the state fair this year, so students and families can benefit from expert assistance in the education building at the fair.

Meeting adjournment at 3:54pm.