

2/12/09 Steering Committee Call

Attending: Jeremy Wu, Matt Graham, Colleen Flannery, Tim Kestner, Ron Jarmin, Greg Weeks, Bob Brown, Rick Waklawek, Rich Froeschle, Tammy Coxen

LED Partnership Workshop update

Tammy updated number of attendees (131), agenda on website. Discussed which state partners are not represented.

Steering Committee Meeting agenda (see proposed agenda, attached)

Suggestions to add to agenda, over all looks good. Add question of older worker or similar reports to agenda.

Add time for funding discussion (and ideal if Andy in the room at the time).

MOU update

Progress is being made, been an interesting process and ending up with a better product through it.

Older Worker Reports

30th and final report has been released. Response has been very positive.

A few states requested to join at end of process, but were told that this is a series using 2004 data, so should use a different series if additional states were going to be brought on. There are a number of concerns to address, such as funding, state role, etc.

Jeremy sent out a 3-page brief about the issue, with background and discussion. Needs some devoted time on the steering committee agenda to determine if there are other reports needed or desired. Also need to talk about how to reconcile state differences with a standardized report template (example of TX small county problem, or NJ with all counties being in a metropolitan area). Also, how to utilize individual staff subject expertise to benefit all states.

Miscellaneous program updates

Connecticut has officially become state 48 and partner 51. Only New Hampshire and Massachusetts left. Workforce council in NH is taking the lead, trying to have a rider attached to legislation for a vote. Unanimous support from committee that had to approve it initially, and a champion who is attaching the rider and shepherding that process. Jeremy is doing outreach to MA.

NASWA Workforce Policy Forum next week - LED has a session. Ted Haley from SC moderating, with John Dorrer and Tom Gallagher (representing the WIC) as discussants.