# CoP 2 Kickoff Meeting Summary

**Date: May 13, 2021**

**Time: 3pm-4pm EST**

# Introductions

* **In Attendance:** Michelle Prael (Colorado), Alan Shimmin (Colorado), Emily Teeter (Iowa), Christy Hendricks (Montana), Kenneth Stowe (New Mexico), Karen Gibson-Serrette (NDTAC Facilitator), Daron Clark (NDTAC Assistant)
* **Not able to attend:** Susan Walkup (Iowa, retiring), Jessica Fancher (Wyoming)

# What is the Purpose of the NDTAC Community of Practice (CoP)?

* Through the CoPs, NDTAC aims to strengthen new state coordinators’ capacity while also building a network of support.
* The COP will allow state coordinators to hear about similar challenges across states and strategies for addressing those challenges.
* Additionally, conversations within the CoP will inform the development of tools and resources to support state coordinators across the nation now and in the future.

# What Platform Will We Use?

* The platform that will be used is Microsoft Teams.
* Meetings will be announced via email.
* This summer we will have access to the ND Communities Website.

# What Shall we name our CoP?

* Send along name suggestions to Karen so they can be gathered and voted on.

# Topics

* **Transition**-Coordinators need a transition plan for transitioning youth from facilities to schools and from facility to facility. Many schools are not interested in taking these youth back into their school system. One state says that they have a law that prohibits LEAs to officially know where the students were and to see those records. (MT)
* **Privacy**-How much information should be shared with schools so that they understand the student and their background, while maintaining student privacy, but also preventing negatively marking that student? (NM)
* **Tracking outcomes**-State laws prevent coordinators and facilities to track outcomes after students leave the facilities, so understanding what is working and what is not working is challenging but vital in creating change.
* **Subpart 2** (primarily)- The definitions are vague. Identifying who is eligible under the neglected side is difficult. Understanding this better could expand the youth that the programs reach out to by including facilities that may have previously not been counted.
* **Monitoring**-What are other states doing for monitoring? (IA)
* **Data**-Would like a “data dive” on state data to recognize the gaps, what needs addressed, and how to address those. (2019/2020 data is currently being worked on)
* The two topics that the group are interested in addressing first are a **data dive** and **transition plans**.

# Meetings

* Sessions will involve a senior coordinator and perhaps an ED representative.
* The group prefers a recurring meeting to be scheduled monthly (ie. Every second or third Tuesday or Thursday of every month at the same time).
* Tuesdays and Thursdays are best for everyone.
* To accommodate all time zones- all meetings will occur after 10:30am EST.
* NDTAC Assistant will send a poll to Coordinators to decide on a monthly meeting day and time.
* The next meeting will be in June and we will work toward having a presentation on **transition plans**.

# Contact

* Currently, Karen will communicate with the COP 2 Group Members via email.
* Email NDTAC@longevityconsulting.com
* Call the hotline at 800.319.9302
* Email Karen directly at k.gibson-serrette@longevityconsulting.com
* This summer the ND Communities Website will be the space where meetings, resources, summaries, etc. will be housed.

# Notes

* Christy asked if anyone on the team currently receives Title I, Part D funds for Community Day programs and everyone said they do not.
* Christy also asked members if they knew what data would be collected. Building the application around the data that will be collected is preferable but the specific data they are asking for is unclear. Alan and Kenneth will share helpful information with Christy.

# What was your favorite part of the National Conference?

* The session on Google forms and data tools was interesting.
* Hearing from seasoned Coordinators was helpful.
* Hearing directly from the youth affected was inspirational.

**Thank you for joining CoP 2. We look forward to working with you!**