



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee (AISC)

JAN. 9, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Jennifer Stafford, Susan Lyons, Andre Rupp, Kathy Stovall, Jerry Cooper, Amon Couch, Hannah Edelen, Betty Edwards, Suzanne Farmer, Sarah Hatton, Cassie House, Brandy Howard, Erika Hranicky, Sheryl McAdams, Lonnie Nixon, Will Powers, Lauralyn Randles, Ernestine Weems, Sanford Student, Brian Gong, Rhonda Sims, Helen Jones, Jennifer Larkins, Melissa Chandler

Agenda Item: Welcome and Introductions

Presenter: Jennifer Stafford, Division of Assessment and Accountability Support, Kentucky Department of Education

Agenda Item: Interim Chair and Chair Confirmation

Presenter: Jennifer Stafford, Division of Assessment and Accountability Support, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Prior to the meeting, two committee members, Kathy Stovall and Sarah Hatton, submitted letters of interest in the chair position for AISC. Betty Edwards submitted a letter of interest for the interim chair position. A committee election was held in December and Stovall was elected AISC chair. She will serve a two-year term. Following the election, Edwards stepped aside, and Hatton expressed interest in being the interim chair.

Feedback:

Committee member Cassie House suggested a vote to confirm Hatton as the interim chair as no other names were submitted. Members were in agreement and voted unanimously to elect Hatton as the interim chair. She will serve a one-year term.

Agenda Item: Developing a Work Plan to Design a Committee Charter

Presenter: André A. Rupp, Center for Assessment/The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment

Summary of Discussion:

Rupp showed members how to access the information and documents available in the Kentucky United We Learn Council member Google Drive, along with the sub folders for Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee, focusing specifically on the Work Plan for Charter Process. Rupp proposed that one or two members volunteer to support the committee chairs in the chartering process. The chairs, along with volunteers, will continue to develop and update the charter and/or frequently asked questions document within a reasonable timeframe that works for the team. This team will ultimately be responsible for the finalization and approval of the chartering process.

Feedback:

Members were in agreement with Rupp's proposal and will await follow up communication from the committee chairs.

Follow-up Required:

Chair Stovall and/or Chair Hatton will send a follow up email asking for volunteers to support the work involved in planning for the chartering process.

Agenda Item: Developing Workstreams to Accomplish 6 Month Goals

Presenter: Susan Lyons, Lyons Assessment Consulting

Summary of Discussion:

Lyons reminded the group of the six-month goal:

By June 2023, the ACIS will conduct an international information gathering via:

- historical review;
- research;
- learning from local laboratories of learning and other districts; and
- understanding existing models/frameworks.

The information will be used to generate a report on what works and what has not worked in innovative approaches to assessment and accountability.

Lyons divided the work of the next six months into two work streams: 1) learning within Kentucky; and 2) learning beyond Kentucky. Additionally, she created a template for teams to capture thoughts over the next six months.

Using the template, the committee divided into breakout rooms to generate ideas for collecting information to learn about the design of past and present innovations in assessment and accountability.

Agenda Item: Next Steps

Presenter: Jennifer Stafford, Division of Assessment and Accountability Support, Kentucky Department of Education

Summary of Discussion:

Stafford reviewed the AISC meeting schedule decided upon at the initial November kickoff meeting. The AISC will meet monthly in a virtual setting. Proposed dates and times from the committee facilitators and chairs include the first Monday or first Wednesday of the month from 4-6 p.m. ET.

Stafford gave a brief synopsis of the meeting and opened the floor for questions.

Feedback:

Member, Erika Hranicky, questioned how members will be able to access scholarly articles needed during the research work. Susan Lyons will be able to assist with this.

Follow-up Required:

Members will review their schedules to determine the meeting dates and times that will work best for them. Independent workgroups will continue working toward attaining the six-month goals. Stafford in collaboration with committee chairs, will send an email including a Google Form to vote on meeting times and dates.

SUMMARY:

The Kentucky United We Learn Council's Accelerating Innovation Standing Committee (AISC) met virtually on Monday, Jan. 9 to support scaling of innovations within and across communities through changes in assessment and accountability. The committee welcomed Kathy Stovall (community member - Louisville, Ky.) as the newly-elected chair and elected Sarah Hatton (educator - Adair County) as interim chair. Members continued developing the committee charter and revisited the six-month goal created in November. Working in groups, the committee generated ideas for collecting information to learn about the design of past and present innovations in assessment and accountability from inside and outside Kentucky. The committee will meet again Feb. 6, 2023.