

**CSP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2023**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Tiffany Cartier White  
Karl Koenig  
Colleen Grady  
Stephane' Lavertu  
Meghann Marnecheck  
Chad Aldis  
John Dues  
Sophia Speelman  
Lily Bartholomew

*Meeting called to order: 2:05 pm*

**Introduction**

*Though USED has removed the CSP grant high-risk special conditions, the department would like to thank the advisory committee for the invaluable input throughout the years that contributed to the continued success in the implementation of Ohio's CSP Grant.*

**Independent Monitor and CSP Grant High-Risk Special Conditions**

- Karl – The request to remove the high-risk conditions was submitted to USED on June 9, 2021
  - All federal grants obtained by ODE are affected by the CSP grant high-risk conditions
  - We are excited to announce that USED formerly removed the CSP grant high-risk special conditions on Tuesday, January 3, 2023
  - The department is no longer required to utilize an independent monitor, saving the department over \$30,000
  - The current independent monitor and AOS have been advised of the removal of the high-risk special conditions
- Chad – Congratulations for the hard work on the implementation of the CSP grant
  - Did the high-risk special conditions have an impact on the consideration of the new 5-year CSP grant application and does the advisory committee now go away?
    - Colleen – There does not seem to be a direct connection to the new 5-year CSP grant application outcome, however, Ohio does not have a favorable record with the charters.
    - The new grant had a good concept, though Ohio's application may have been reviewed differently by peer reviewers in this round
  - Karl – Ohio's CSP grant high-risk special conditions would have only been a consideration at the time of the award, had Ohio been awarded a 5-year CSP grant. However, the department can say the high-risk special conditions were ultimately fulfilled and removed

- Colleen – We have learned a valuable lesson through the implementation of the CSP grant. We are not in the same place we were in in 2015
  - The department only had 3 weeks to submit the new 5-year CSP grant, but we look forward to the next opportunity to submit a better proposal
- Karl – We will continue to utilize the CSP advisory committee for any future grant work
- Stephane’ – Would be happy to continue to assist the department and is willing to assist in producing reports for the department as needed
- Chad – Would be happy to continue to serve on the advisory committee but asks that the department figures out how to best utilize the committees’ expertise and assistance
- Meghann – Is happy to continue to support the department in any useful compacity
- John – Is happy to continue to support the department, but there are some very basic areas (transportation, student attendance, talent, staffing and funding) where Ohio is not performing well
  - It is difficult for Ohio to advance given the system we are working within
  - Stephane – A report could be created using the data, to advise on the extent to which charters have been affected by the transportation issues
- Colleen – We will continue to look for opportunities to support and improve community schools in Ohio
  - A new proposal for funding to provide intensive supports was submitted (to improve sponsor performance, retention, recruitment of teachers in the sector, and to provide other valuable resources to charters in Ohio)
  - Drop out recovery schools have emerged ahead after the pandemic (though we are not clear why this is). Nonetheless there are great opportunities moving forward with charters in Ohio.
- Colleen – The department will explore other opportunities to continue to best utilize this advisory committee moving forward

### **Semi Annual Report and Workplan**

- Karl - Due January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - No new news contained for the CSP grant activities at this point the fiscal year
  - All monitoring reports from previous years have been resolved and are closed out by USED and Wested

*Meeting adjourned: 2:36 p.m.*