

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
2009 SPRING CONFERENCE

EDUCATION POLICY TASK FORCE

Business Session

Coeur d'Alene Golf & Spa Resort

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

MEETING SUMMARY

Presiding

Chair: Representative Greg Porter, Indiana

In Attendance

Representative Liz Chavez, Idaho

Mr. Dan Colegrove, Kraft Foods

Senator Margaret Dayton, Utah

Representative Lois Delmore, North Dakota

Ms. Pam Goins, The Council of State Governments

Representative Brenda Heller, North Dakota

Mr. Thomas Hinton, Undersecretary of Defense, USDOD

Mr. Ray McInerney, National Education Association

Representative Ed McLaughlin, South Dakota

Representative Gregory Porter, Indiana

Representative Arnie Roblau, Oregon

Mr. Mark Sansover, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, USDOD

Ms. Diane Shust, National Education Association

Representative Shelli VanDenburgh, Indiana

The Education Policy Task Force meeting was called to order by Representative Greg Porter at approximately 3:09 p.m. Rep. Porter welcomed the attendees, asked everyone to introduce themselves and sign the attendance roster. He then noted that the task force Vice-Chairperson Julie Harris-Lawrence from Texas was unable to attend the meeting in Coeur d'Alene.

Representative Porter gave an update of CSG headquarter projects in the area of education. Information included:

- The Headquarters Office has been working on proposals to seek funding to expand CSG's work in the areas of preschool education, higher education access for underrepresented students, and for an expansion of their childhood obesity reduction initiative. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, they are continuing the work on the Southern Collaborative on Obesity Reduction Efforts (SCORE) which is enabling CSG to work with six southern states to reduce childhood obesity through policymaking. The six states include Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina and South Carolina. Team members include executive branch officials such as Commissioners of Education and Health, state legislators, and local government representatives.

- The headquarters' education staff would also like to promote a webinar to address success shown from Early College High Schools to graduate first-generation, minority and other underrepresented students with both a high school diploma and an Associates' Degree. Initial results show early college students outperform students at other schools in their districts on state mandated math and language arts exams and attendance rates average more than 90%, indicating high levels of student engagement and commitment to the academic program. The webinar will be held on June 16 at 1:00 p.m. EST.
- Tom Hinton, from the U.S. Department of Defense, gave an update on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Children of Military Families.

Representative Porter then opened the business portion of the agenda. Minutes from the 2008 annual meeting in Omaha, NE were reviewed and approved.

Six policy resolutions were submitted by the deadline. However, the issue of quorum was challenged by Rep. Brenda Heller (ND) which ceased all business procedures. The six resolutions were discussed informally among the task force members along with those in the audience.

Regarding Suggested State Legislation, the task force members also could not vote due to the quorum challenge and, therefore, did not address any piece of legislation.

This concluded the time allotted for the task force meeting. The task force adjourned at approximately 4:33 p.m.