California Guided Pathways Project

Advisory Committee Charge and Composition

**Background.** It is critical that the California Guided Pathways Project involves a group of key California leaders including the community college system, institutions, and related organizations in an advisory committee that contributes substantively to the work. In addition, a small group of expert national pathways partners (AACC, CCRC, NCII, ATD) will be members of the advisory group. The California leaders joining the national partners in an advisory capacity were formally identified through a nomination process in Summer 2016. Throughout the project, the national partners, California leaders, and funders will continue to explore how to engage additional stakeholders through the Advisory Committee and other means, to ensure appropriate tailoring of the national pathways model to the California context and to spread awareness of guided pathways activity and results across the state.

**Advisory Committee Charge**

- Advise on needed and appropriate tailoring of institute content and related advance work to be completed by participating colleges
- Work to help build on and integrate existing California work on student success into the institutes and the overall project.
- Nominate California professionals who might serve effectively as California Guided Pathways Coaches
- Assist in identifying excellent and expert speakers and concurrent session presenters for the California guided pathways institutes
- Review summaries of institute evaluations and provide feedback aimed at continuous improvement
- Contribute to periodic discussions of overall project planning and results
- Plan actively for further scaling of guided pathways reforms in California, including consideration of co-funding and fee-for-service models.
- Help to communicate to the national Pathways Project and the broader community college field the California successes and challenges in designing and implementing guided pathways at scale

**Advisory Committee Composition**

The official Advisory Committee includes representation of the following: California community college CEOs, including (but not necessarily limited to) the Presidents of AACC Pathways Project colleges; California Community College system (Chancellor's Office); California community college faculty leadership and mid-level administrators; California-based organizations whose mission includes support for and contributions to community college student progress, completion, and equity; and a subset of national partners in the AACC Pathways Project (specifically, the American Association of Community Colleges, the Community College Research
Center, Teachers College, Columbia University, Achieving the Dream, and the National Institute for Inquiry & Improvement).

The target number of Advisory Committee members is a maximum of 20.

The founding Advisory Committee Chair is Dr. Sonya Christian, President of Bakersfield College.