

Team UGA+Partners

Tentative Working Plan for the San Diego Convening

The UGA+Partners Team is a subset of the larger Georgia School Counselor Association/State of Georgia Team. While we will be collaborating with the GSCA Team on state policy and credentialing issues, the particular areas of initial interest and concern for our team were around pre-service preparation and professional development related to college and career readiness. We have identified six related initiatives that we hope to address as part of our working time at the Convening in San Diego. Some of the work will not be completed but we hope to at least solidify commitments and identify next steps for each initiative. Team members were invited based on the experience and perspective they could offer. The complete list of Georgia participants is provided as an appendix.

Team Members

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Graduate Students & Practicing Counselors from the M.Ed., Ed.S., and Ph.D. Programs.

- Ashley Holmes, 2nd year master's student, completed her practicum in a Clarke County elementary School, her service learning in a k-12 school for students with behavioral/emotional problems, currently interning at Dacula High School, Gwinnett County; former Advisor and current student Training Coordinator for Georgia College Advising Corps adh05@uga.edu (404) 295-7688

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District Supervisors and Professional Leaders

- Dianne Thompson, Director, Office of Advisement & Counseling, Gwinnett County Schools; former school counselor, oversees intern supervision (largest district in the state; the district just received the Broad Award for the second time for sustaining closings of achievement gaps) Dianne_Thompson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us (678) 301-7372
- Sam Hicks, Lead High School Counselor for the Clarke County School District, counselor at Clarke Central High School, and graduate of the M.Ed. Program; has provided site supervision for school counseling students; co-facilitates the Classic City Counselors' Collaborative, a 20+ year partnership between local school counselors and UGA school counseling faculty and graduate students (CCSD is the smallest geographic county in the state and is the highest poverty community of its size in the country) hickss@clarke.k12.ga.us (706) 255-6348

UGA Administrators

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Initiatives and Commitments

These plans are based on our initial ideas, discussions, and commitments. Other commitments and initiatives may be identified as part of our work together. Individuals have been identified who have a particular investment, interest, or involvement with particular initiatives, but any team member can contribute to any of the work group discussions. Because we have a limited amount of time, it may be helpful to identify point people for each initiative who will take responsibility for moving the agenda forward in consultation with others on our team or the larger GSCA/State of Georgia Team.

Initiative #1: Hosting the Tenth Annual 2015 Diversity Conference with a focus on College and Career Readiness

Commitment categories: One & Two

Status:

- Date determined & space reserved – February 27, 2015
- Theme selected – *Reaching Higher: Advocating for Social Justice in College and Career Readiness*
- Keynote confirmed, Dr. Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy
- Breakout session topics determined & contact responsibilities assigned
- Registration open

Team members involved: Pam Paisley, Karen Griffith, Brandee Appling, Taryne Mingo, Sam Hicks

Needs/outcomes from the Convening: Share information with others on the team regarding the plans and solicit feedback particularly regarding action plans to be included as part of the closing Town Hall Session

Initiative # 2: Proposal to host the Evidence-Based School Counseling Conference in Spring 2016

Commitment categories: One & Two

Status:

- Initial conversations with the EBSCC co-chairs, Carey Dimmett from the National School Counseling Outcome Research Center and Brett Zyromski from the school counseling program at Northern Kentucky
- Support solicited from GSCA, Gwinnett County, Cobb County, and the Classic City Counselors' Collaborative
- Request to COE Event Coordinators to negotiate and check dates and space with the Georgia Center for Continuing Education
- Draft for proposal in progress

Team members involved: George McMahon, Pam Paisley, Julie Hartline, Dianne Thompson, Sam Hicks

Needs/Outcomes from the Convening: Inform team members about the conference. Leave with a draft proposal pending date confirmations from the COE Event Coordinator

Initiative # 3: Proposal for an Innovations and Best Practices Conference in School Counselor Preparation to be held in conjunction with the Evidence-Based Practice Conference in Spring 2016

Status:

- Initial conversations with the Dean and the Associate Provost to explore funding and staff support for the conference
- Initial outreach to national leaders concerning the idea. All responded enthusiastically.
- Request to COE Event Coordinators to negotiate and check dates and space with the Georgia Center for Continuing Education

Team members involved: Pam Paisley, Meg Amstutz, George McMahon

Needs from the Convening: Leave with a rough draft proposal and funding possibilities

Initiative # 4: Creation of a stand-alone course in College and Career Readiness as well as infusion opportunities across a CACREP or CACREP-equivalent curriculum

Commitment category: One

Status:

- Initial discussions with team members about content
- Review of course approval process including possibilities for expedited review

Team members involved: George McMahon, Pam Paisley, Deryl Bailey, Diane Cooper, Ashley Holmes, Yarbreh Peeples, Darris Means, Brandee Appling, Taryne Mingo, Karen Griffith, Lee Grimes, Karen Rowland

Outcomes from the Convening: Leave with a completed course proposal and potential infusion points in other courses.

Initiative #5: Collaborate with the BOR and/or SREB to host a meeting in December or January for counselor educators in Georgia specializing in school counseling to review recommendations for course and infusion points.

Commitment category: One

Status:

- In idea/discussion stage

Team members needed: All counselor educators, Rebecca Jean-Bapiste, Alice Anne Bailey

Needs/outcomes from the Convening: Leave with potential date, plan for meeting, and point people

Initiative # 6: Creation of a certificate program in college and career readiness

Commitment categories: One, Two, & potentially Three

Status:

- In discussion stage
- Questions regarding post-masters; within masters, or post-bachelors

Team members needed: Potentially all

Needs/outcomes from the Convening: Identify existing programs as models, continued discussions of what this would look like and who it would target. Next steps identified

Initiative # 6: Creation of a Collaborative, Multi-discipline Research Network on College Access, College Success, and Career Readiness.

Commitment category: Potentially multiple

Status:

- In discussion stage

Team members involved: George McMahon, Darris Means

Need/outcomes for Convening: Inform team of plans and next steps. Solicit feedback from others. Articulate commitment and purpose/mission of the research network. Identify potential collaborators in other disciplines and institutions. Begin initial search for viable funding sources.

Other points, discussions, questions, initiatives or commitments: (please send me any you would like included)

- Accountability measures (both proximal and distal)?
- Partnership district needs beyond what the certificate program might offer for practicing counselors
- Strengthening partnerships – what would that look like?
- What form will this team take post-San Diego?
- Are there pressing needs for research support in access programs or districts?
- What commitments are already in play at the University or in districts related to CCR? (e.g., UGA has committed to bring every CCSD student to campus every year)

Appendix
Georgia Team for the White House Convening in San Diego

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