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### LAMP Webpage:

Visit our new website for updates and committee resources:

<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/lamp.shtml>

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Full LAMP Committee:

- Date TBD, early 2009

#### Literature Review Subcommittee:

- December 5<sup>th</sup>, time (conference call)
- December 12, time (conference call)

#### Assessment Practices Subcommittee:

- December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9-10 am (conference call)

#### Communications Subcommittee

- December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm (MDHE office, Jefferson City)

## Welcome!

Welcome to our new Learning Assessment in Missouri Postsecondary Education (LAMP) newsletter. This newsletter will be sent to all LAMP members monthly to update you on whole group and subcommittee progress. We hope this will keep all participants informed and up to date on our activities.

Thank you for your participation and efforts to inform assessment policy in Missouri.

## Next Steps Group: Bringing LAMP into Focus



At the conclusion of our first meeting in October, a small group called the "Next Steps" group was formed with the purpose of taking the dialogue from the first meeting and clarifying the purpose and direction of LAMP for the entire LAMP committee.

Through feedback from the MDHE and through several meetings, the Next Steps group was able to develop several documents that outline LAMP's goals and together form a set of framing documents that will guide our work:

1. [MDHE Policy Guidelines](#): This document, developed by MDHE, clearly outlines the policy issues and questions that are a priority for the development of state-level policy in assessment. These areas that the LAMP group must focus in order to provide input and expertise to MDHE in developing informed policy.
2. [LAMP Charge](#): This document was made available at our first meeting and clearly outlines the drivers for the formation of our group, the rationale for our structure, and the deliverables that the MDHE has asked for by June 1, 2009. If you have not had a chance to review this document in detail, please take this chance to review it now.
3. [LAMP Principles of Assessment Inclusion](#): This document, developed initially by the Next Steps group and refined through all three subcommittees, establishes the values that will guide us as we move forward with our work. When new issues or questions arise, the group will consider these fundamental principles as the basis of our response.
4. [LAMP Timeline](#): Also presented at our first meeting, this document outlines the critical time points in order to deliver the final report in June 2009.

## Recent LAMP meetings:

Full LAMP Committee:

- [October 27, 2008](#)

Communications Subcommittee:

- [November 18, 2008](#)

Assessment Practices Subcommittee:

- [November 20, 2008](#)

Communications Subcommittee

- [November 21, 2008](#)

## LAMP listserv addresses:

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## LAMP Leadership

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Central Methodist University  
Co-Chair, LAMP and Assessment  
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Co-Chair, LAMP and Communications  
Subcommittee

[Michael Strait](#)

University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Co-Chair, LAMP and Literature  
Review Subcommittee

## MDHE Facilitators

# LAMP Subcommittee Updates



LAMP participants were asked to join one of the three working subcommittees that have been assigned all tasks associated with LAMP. For those few remaining participants who may not have chosen a group, it is important that you chose a group (or groups) in order to participate in LAMP activities. The large group will come back together later in the process to evaluate subcommittee reports and develop policy recommendations from that information.

All three subcommittees met during the week of November 17-21; all three groups spent a portion of the meeting discussing and refining the framing documents before addressing group-specific work. Summary of major subcommittee activities are below; links to full meeting summaries are in the left column.

Also, all subcommittee listservs to facilitate communication are up and running; for the listserv addresses see the left column. If you are a member of a subcommittee and have not received a listserv confirmation email, please contact [angelette.prichett@dhe.mo.gov](mailto:angelette.prichett@dhe.mo.gov).

### Communications Subcommittee:

The Communication Subcommittee met on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included:

- overall communications strategy, including targeted messages and timing
- identification of both internal and external constituent groups
- recruiting additional members from unrepresented sectors
- keeping LAMP participants engaged
- keeping constituent groups informed, including assignment of liaison roles
- drafting a communications action plan
- developing a newsletter to keep all LAMP participants informed of subcommittee progress

The group will meet face-to-face on December 18<sup>th</sup> to finalize an action plan and progress on communication materials

### Assessment Practices Subcommittee:

The Assessment Practices Subcommittee met on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

1. The group decided to move forward with an initial questionnaire to move beyond the MAIS survey to how institutions assess different levels and categories of their students, programs, units, etc., with a target to send out by mid-December.
2. Questions will focus on the policy areas of priority as outlined in the *MDHE Policy Guidance Document*.
3. The questions are currently under development and review
4. The group will finalize their action plan at their next meeting.

### Literature Review Subcommittee:

The Communication Subcommittee met on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Activities included:

Angelette Prichett

Research Associate, Academic Affairs  
LAMP Coordinator

Hillary Fuhrman

Research Associate, Academic Affairs

Jeffrey Smith

Research Associate, Academic Affairs

- Discussion of role and scope of the subcommittee
  - Formation of literature review groups based on the policy areas of priority as outlined in the *MDHE Policy Guidance* document:
    - Access and Placement
    - Beginning General Education Course Transfer
    - College Level General Education
  - The group will meet weekly via conference call to update on progress and develop and finalize an action plan by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
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## What's Next?

With work well underway in all three of the LAMP Subcommittees, each group will continue to work on their respective tasks and projects. LAMP Co-Chairs and MDHE staff will identify a date in early 2009 to come back together as a large group to update on progress and get feedback on subcommittee activities to date.