

COTA Monthly Virtual Meeting  
November 21, 2022  
WebEx

Present: Helen Hale, Kara Cahill, Alicia Erickson, Christy Seawall, David Jones, Gavin O'Connor, Katelyn Wilson, Robyn Walter, Ross Hawkins, Phil Bridgman, Roberto Koch, Roger McMillian

Guests: Samantha Dickey, Dr. Joe Sallustio

Call to order 2:01PM by Chair Katelyn.

Approval of Minutes, with edit to Christy Seawall name spelling. Move – Gavin, Robyn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

January monthly date – discussion to move the meeting date. Existing date seems to work; so, no adjustment to the date.

In-person meeting dates for the next in person meetings: Roberto volunteers to host at MU in July 2023; Brooke hosting SEMO October 2023. Vote to approve the meeting locations.

Gavin moved, Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> – Approved.

Guest speaker: Samantha Dickey, spearheading the Adult Learning Network and Missouri Attainment Academy. Both initiatives focused on making higher education opportunities more accessible to adult learners. 60 members across the state representing higher education, philanthropy, libraries, etc. Broken up into various subcommittees and projects. The office is committed to it long term and developing a goal for the state. Number of frameworks that exist for Adult Learners, one example is Education Strategy Group [The Accelerating Recovery through Credentials Adult-Ready Playbook - Education Strategy Group | Education Strategy Group \(edstrategy.org\)](#)

Samantha indicated that a three-pronged approach may be the direction the state is going: data strategy (who are the adults, what the journey might look like, what jobs are available in industry), capacity building (leveraging resources and building partnerships to be more accessible to adult learners), student experience (identifying barriers and finding ways to overcome the barriers). Working with consultant to develop strategy. Also discussed credit vs. noncredit initiatives and credit for prior learning. Will be valuable for adult learners on how to articulate noncredit and prior learning assessment that will benefit the transfer student.

Meeting ended to go into breakout sessions at 2:30pm.