Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee for Proposal Prioritization Report

Introduction

The Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Community Engagement Advisory Board's (CEAB) Ad Hoc Committee, is vested with the authority to evaluate and recommend the proposals created by the Advisory Board members. The emerging themes from the proposals highlight a focus on enhancing data literacy and community engagement, along with strategically developing the workforce through targeted training and accessible resources. Collectively, these proposals aim to empower individuals with the tools and knowledge needed for informed decision-making and long-term career success within the community.

The three prioritized proposals—Data Literacy Outreach Tools (Member Takagi), Foundational Ground the Workforce Vision (Member Nevarez), and Strategic Engagement and Targeted Training Platform (Member Khosravi)—collectively emphasize the critical need to equip the community with essential data literacy skills, establish a robust foundation for workforce development, and implement a strategic, targeted approach to training that aligns with long-term career success and community empowerment.

Proposal Prioritization One: Data Literacy Outreach Tools (Member Takagi)

The Data Literacy Outreach Tools proposal is prioritized as it significantly advances C2C's mission by democratizing data and making it accessible and actionable for diverse communities. Implementing data literacy tools and integrating them into outreach efforts is a natural extension of C2C's current work, including the creation of resources like a data dictionary. The proposal also suggests feasible partnerships with educational institutions and non-profits, aligning well with C2C's existing collaborative framework. By addressing a critical

gap in data accessibility and fostering better-informed decisions, the proposal benefits students, families, and practitioners, promoting social and economic equity and aligning with C2C's strategic goals.

Proposal Prioritization Two: Foundational Ground the Workforce Vision (Member Nevarez)

The Foundational Ground the Workforce Vision proposal is prioritized second because it emphasizes the critical need for C2C to expand its focus beyond K-12 education and more intentionally incorporate workforce development into its strategies. This proposal highlights the importance of advancing collective understanding of workforce development and career-connected learning, advocating for a broader definition of student success that goes beyond earning a degree to include non-traditional pathways. By reassessing current metrics and fostering cross-sector collaboration, the proposal ensures that C2C's strategies are forward-thinking, aligned with the evolving demands of the job market, and responsive to the needs of both students and the broader community. The focus on facilitating discussions, engaging in key conferences, and expanding outreach efforts directly supports C2C's mission to create meaningful educational and career pathways that reflect the realities of the future workforce.

Proposal Prioritization Three: Strategic Engagement and Targeted Training Platform (Member Khosravi)

The third prioritized proposal is the Strategic Engagement and Targeted Training (SETT) Platform, which focuses on creating a structured approach for CEAB to conduct outreach and receive feedback from diverse communities across California. This proposal is prioritized because it addresses a critical need for a more organized and equitable outreach strategy, ensuring that CEAB's engagement efforts are regionally represented and effectively reach key stakeholder groups. By establishing clear roles, mandates, and tracking

mechanisms for outreach, this proposal directly supports C2C's mission by fostering stronger connections with communities and ensuring that feedback loops and data-driven decision-making are integral to C2C's work.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the C2C CEAB Ad Hoc Committee has thoroughly reviewed and prioritized the proposals submitted by its members, focusing on the themes of data literacy, community engagement, and workforce development. The selected top three proposals—Data Literacy Outreach Tools, Foundational Ground the Workforce Vision, and Strategic Engagement and Targeted Training Platform—represent a cohesive strategy to empower communities with essential tools, knowledge, and support to achieve long-term success. By advancing these initiatives, C2C is poised to significantly enhance its impact, fostering an informed, engaged, and prepared community that is ready to meet the challenges of the future workforce. These proposals will guide C2C in fulfilling its mission to create equitable and effective educational and career pathways for all Californians.