

Chapter 58 Research and Review Task Force Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

The Task Force (TF) began the meeting by reintroducing the idea of subcommittees within the TF. The group still has some reservations around separating into subcommittees to complete research or work because they want to ensure all members of the TF has the opportunity to give input.

The TF began discussion around Lever topic 1 and the possible recommendation the group tabled at the end of the previous meeting. The broad recommendation presented to the TF was "The State should investigate how to increase access of EPP students to paid onsite clinical residencies in diverse educational settings. Current EPP programs with existing pilot projects should collect data on implementation and effectiveness. This information should be shared across the state and lead to further investigation." The TF feels they need additional voices from the field placement coordinators and the work being done by OCHE before it is presented to the superintendent. It was brought to everyone's attention that OCHE is currently conducting research around an advanced student teaching experience that could be up to a year long but not necessarily have to be one year. OCHE is also looking into how to pay student teachers during that time.

Recommendations to add a new (b) in 10.58.312 "must allow a candidate to service the year long residency alongside the advanced student teaching experience" and the recommendation to combine 10.58.606 and 10.58.312 as there is no substantive difference in the contents. The TF showed some support, and some did not support the suggested language. There is data that shows there are benefits for enabling students to teach in their hometowns. By supporting grow your own initiatives, MT could have more rural locals stay in rural community's long term. Some of the difficulties that may come from language like what was suggested is the possibility that there may not be enough supervision from the EPPs.

Lever topics 2, 3, and 4 were brought to the TF to discuss next. The TF did not have much to contribute to these lever topics as the group felt many of the topic surrounding these lever topics have already been addressed by the TF and there needs to be additional information given before they are ready to reopen the topics.