Data Integrity Project

Presented by Cambridge West Partnership, LLC
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The purpose of the project is to examine data integrity and related processes to optimize student success and verify alignment with the Student-Centered Funding Formula to improve decision making and maximize funding opportunities.
Why Data Integrity is an Issue

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*Source: Chancellor's Office MIS Data Mart
Data Integrity Project

• Process
  • Review of the data required for mandated reporting requirements including MIS, IPEDS and 320 reports and the District’s current data using the CCCCO Data Mart
  • Review and validate processes used to produce these reports via interviews with key staff
  • Perform analysis on all student information systems used to collect and process this data

• Deliverables
  • Develop process maps of data sources, data collection and manipulation processes and data storage locations for all data used in MIS reporting
  • Develop a data map of all data elements used in MIS reporting
  • Develop example data governance policy
  • Develop data entry standards for all mandated reporting data to ensure consistency of data
  • Develop recommendations for process improvements in the mandated reporting processes
Key to Success

❖ Board, Executive and Management Support
❖ District-wide involvement
  ❖ Foster Buy-In
  ❖ Develop Trust
❖ Strong, well respected and inclusive Steering Team
❖ Understanding of the importance of the work; sense of urgency established
❖ Open mindedness with regards to change in culture, process and structure
Role of the Steering Team

- Guide the project to completion
- Help to ensure that resources are available when needed to complete the project
- Provide feedback on the effectiveness of the process
- Act as advocates for the process and report out to others in the institution regarding the progress, gaps, findings and recommendations
- Carry on the work to address the gaps and recommendations
Role of the Board & Staff in Data Usage & Management
Faculty & Staff Interviewed During the Project
102+ Interviews

- Institutional Research
- Instruction
  - Curriculum
  - Scheduling
  - VTEA/Perkins
- Student Services
  - Admissions & Records
  - Counseling
  - DSPS
  - EOPS/Care/CalWORKs
  - Financial Aid
  - International Students
  - Veterans
  - Special Programs
- Human Resources
- Information Technology Department
- Organization charts for areas involved with reporting
- Existing Process flow diagrams
- Board policies, administrative procedures and department practices related to data collection and reporting
- Reporting schedules for MIS
- Documentation from applications that support data collection
- Accreditation self-studies
- Technology plans
- Strategic Plans
Noted Good Practices – They Need to Continue!

❖ Shared Systems – using mostly the same systems at all campuses
❖ Common Forms – using consistent forms for students across the District
❖ Common Coding – student services
❖ Uniform Course Numbering – using common course numbering system across the District
❖ CENIC network – use of this network for increased online usage
Gap Analysis Findings - Initial

- Financial Aid data under reported
- VTEA/Perkins may be under reported
- Data Governance structure and Data Quality function not formalized
- Student experience not optimized
- Roles & responsibilities for data collection and reporting between District and campuses not clearly defined
- PeopleSoft and other systems not fully leveraged
- Culture does not emphasize data accuracy & usage in decision making
- Staff turnover has resulted in loss of institutional memory and process optimization
- Lack of trust in the data because staff not fully involved in data validation
- Manual processes and shadow systems are prevalent due to lack of access and training
- Data stored in multiple locations
❖ Understand the Board Role in Data Governance – set strategy and policy
❖ Lead a culture change of “tending to the data” by using data in Board decision-making and establish data driven decision-making culture
❖ Foster a culture of trust – promote leadership in solutions & do not accept the blame game
❖ Move the organization towards action based on analysis that have been completed and avoid “analysis paralysis”
❖ Focus on optimizing the student experience in all decision-making
❖ Approve and support the Technology Master Plan 2021-2026 and provide requested resources for implementation
❖ Approve and support the Data Governance Policy brought forth by Steering Team once it is developed and fully vetted
❖ Hold Chancellor (and in turn staff) accountable and responsible for implementation of the Technology Master Plan 2011-2021 and Data Governance Policy provisions
❖ Provide resources for Data Quality function & Business Analysts in departments to fully leverage systems and improve processes
❖ Support the leveraging of the PeopleSoft and other system assets with resources as requested
❖ Ask lots of policy and strategy questions along the way!
Discussion & Questions