2015-2016 Assignments for Work Groups

Alignment of Standards for Advancing Student Opportunities

- Collect, analyze, and share data on high school graduates who present college credit at postsecondary registration and students who qualify for developmental education in math and language arts.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Present data collected and recommendations for policy action

- Present proposal for course creation teams to the HR 477 committee for scaling of 12th grade catch-up courses.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Report progress on implementation of course creation process.

- Assess highest priority needs for dual credit courses and instructors as a basis for creating accelerated coursework to train dual credit instructors.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Report highest priority needs and next steps

- Convene meetings of NIU, community colleges, and leading employers to review the emerging jobs reports and discuss the implications.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Report on validity and usefulness of data and identified needs for new academic programs and certificates

Articulation and Adult Learners

- Complete IAI white paper draft.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Present draft of IAI issues and recommendations

- Create five additional pathways documents and circulate widely.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Share pathways documents and recommend next steps

- Collaborate with the regional ePortfolio consortium (IREP) to develop a consistent, regional process for ePortfolios that works across levels and incorporates documentation of learning.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Recommendations for regional action on use of ePortfolios

- Launch the IPLAA to implement PLA at individual institutions & permit transfer of credits across the alliance.
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Report on first meetings of the IPLAA and action plans

- Conduct regional work sessions to analyze PARCC results and make recommendations for use in placement
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Report recommendations on PARCC results, if available by this time

Student Support Services

- Strengthen data sharing and use across institutions in coordination with the Illinois Longitudinal Data System
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Present action plan for data collection, analysis, and applications

- Determine most effective ways to support and maintain an ongoing connection among professionals who support peer mentoring and meet the White House of a network of 80 mentors for 400 at-risk students
  
  **2/16 Deliverable:** Present results of research and action plan based on the research

B-3 Initiative

Collaborate with ongoing activities at state and regional levels that improve preparation of children from birth to grade 3 for success in school, family, and community life and to design initiatives that address unmet needs identified through research.

**2/16 Deliverable:** Present results of organizational and programmatic inventory and other research