DSPS Formula Virtual Town Hall Meeting

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Discussion Topics

• Dr. Luster – Introduction
• Next Steps
• Background – 2016 Approved Formula
• Formula Specifics
• Phased in formula changes
• 2019-20 Formula and concerns with simulations
Introduction to the Virtual Town Hall Meeting
First...Next Steps

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Background to 2016 Approved Formula

• Disability Policy Workgroup convened in 2013-14
• Examined and eventually carried new title 5 regulations adopted October 2015
• Regulations included revised disability types and a revision to 20% College Effort maximum in formula
• Concurrent efforts to explore new weighted student counts (WSC) based on cost to serve each disability type
  • RTI, an external consultant, hired to help with the work
  • Previous WSC were done in 1991
• Simulations ran using new formula for 2015-16 to compare to actual formula
• CCCCCO will ask for additional input regarding intent from members of the taskforce or others involved in discussions leading to new formula
Tutorial – DSPS Total Allocations

• DSPS appropriation = WSC and College Effort (CE) components of the formula added together (80% and 20%, or 90% and 10%) – grows by COLA
• DHH = $9.6 million separate appropriation and allocation formula
• Access to Print - ~$1.2 million separate appropriation and formula
• Total DSPS allocations combines all three appropriations
• Also funded are statewide activities such as the CCC Accessibility Center, Alternate Text Production Center, the Distance Ed Captioning and Transcription Grant, Technical Assistance, and training and consultation
Changes to DSPS (WSC and CE) Funding Formula

• $72k base
• 10% of DSPS – propositional dist. for College Effort
• Disability types – include speech, many fall into “other”
• WSC from 4.87 to .38
• 95% guarantee

• 20%, proportional distribution for College Effort
• Add ADHD and Autism, remove speech
• WSC 23.7 to 1.0
• 90% guarantee
• Prior-prior year data
• Remove secondary disability
• $150k Coordinator Guarantee (no one will get less than $150K in WSC)
Attachment #1 – side by side comparison of current and new allocation formula

2015-2016 FY Formula

Step 1
Baseline
Each college receives approximately $72,000 to provide a baseline amount that can fund a Coordinator.

Step 2
College Effort
10% of the post-baseline funds are allocated to college effort. College effort is calculated based upon the total amount of general funds that the college contributes to DSPS, relative to the total amount contributed statewide.

Weighted Student Count
50% of the post-baseline funds are distributed based on colleges’ weighted primary and secondary student counts, determined by student counts of different disability categories and their corresponding weights, relative to the total Weighted Student Count statewide.

Step 3
95% Guarantee
Colleges receive no less than 95% of their previous years’ allocation, funds permitted.

Establish a Maximum
Based upon the amount needed to fund the 95% Guarantee, a maximum is established that limits funding increases relative to the previous year’s allocation.

Proposed Formula

Step 1
College Effort
20% of the total allocation is distributed based upon college effort. College effort is calculated as a proportion of the total amount of general funds that the college contributes to DSPS, divided by their DSPS budget. Each proportion is ranked across the state and given a decile with corresponding weight. The assigned weight is multiplied by the original college effort amount. This weighted college effort amount is then compared to the total amount of weighted college effort for the state.

Weighted Student Count
80% of funds are distributed based on weighted student counts of students’ primary disability only from two years prior, determined by student counts of different disability categories and their corresponding weights. Secondary disabilities will no longer be used in funding allocations.

Prior-Prior
Weighted student counts and college effort amounts from two years prior to the funding year will be used in the allocation calculation.

Step 2
90% Guarantee
Colleges receive no less than 90% of their previous years’ budget, funds permitted.

Establish a Maximum
Based upon the amount needed to fund the 90% Guarantee, a maximum is established that limits funding increases relative to the previous year’s allocation.

Step 3
Coordinator Funding Guarantee (CFG)
The CFG applies after the allocation has been calculated, and brings any college that would have received less than $120,000 up to that amount.
Approved Formula Phase In Plan for DSPS and College Effort Components

• 2016-17: no changes to formula, optional reporting new data elements (ADHD and Autism, revised other)

• 2017-18: Switch to prior-prior data = 2015-16, new data elements required, remove secondary disability

• 2018-19: Use new data elements, prior-prior = 2016-17
  • Error: in 2016-17 new data wasn’t required – eventually used prior year 2017-18 data with the formula for 2018-19

• 2019-20: prior-prior = 2017-18, WSC 80%, College Effort 20%, new WSC values, coordinator $150k, 90% guarantee on DSPS/CE
2019-20 DSPS Allocation Simulations

- CCCCO started fresh with designing the 2019-20 excel spreadsheet to implement the formula approved in 2016.

- Simulations were issued to the DSPS stakeholders
  - March 1st – conference call March 11th
  - Issue with DHH funding identified internally—solution proposed
  - Simulations sent to field April 8th
  - Many local discussions with DSPS to analyze impact of the simulations

- In mid-May we heard concerns from CEOs

- CCLC suggested a CEO Town Hall to discuss concerns – here we are!
Additional Areas for Review and Research

- Were all components used in 2016 applied to 2019-20 simulations?
- Example = decile method for College Effort
  - Result was $1.12 ROI, new simulations show $3.00
  - Another observation was that CE did not show increased allocations for increased contributions
- Top growth in DSPS component in 2016 showed 18%, new simulations show 300% compared to 2017-18
• There is an apparent reduction of 5% to funding in DSPS component even if colleges’ exceed the 90% guarantee
• Some fluctuations are not explained by the increase WSC for DHH
• The Chancellor’s Office will conduct more research, and open communication and collaboration with DSPS field and the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability (CAPED)
And Last...Next Steps

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