

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Community Engagement

Working Group #: 7

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Date: March 9, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

- Finalized 7 focus areas for Community Engagement (CE) planning (names may be refined):
 - PK-16
 - Continuing education & workforce development
 - Innovation catalyzation
 - Participatory community research opportunities
 - Community connections, collaboration, and service
 - Citizenship & civic engagement
 - Framework, metrics, and narrative
- Sub-teams formed around each focus areas, with all members serving on multiple sub-teams.
- Discussed why each area is important to CE
- Recognized strong programs or models at TAMU and externally for each focus area
- Identified additional partners for each focus area

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

- Dive deeper into metrics for each focus areas
- Explore partnerships to support focus areas
- Draft recommendations for focus area

Problems or Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

- The working group recognized gaps in expertise related to sub-topics and identified individuals to fill those gaps. Those faculty and community members will be invited to the March 23 and subsequent meetings.

Deliverables Completed:

- Unrealized/under-utilized opportunities provide possible short-term wins. This opportunity list will be incorporated into recommendations.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

- Draft recommendation – April 6, 2022
- Draft report – April 20, 2022
- Final report – May 15, 2022