

July 1, 2013
American Graduate Meeting Notes
United Way Conference room

Attendees:

David Cox of Horizon Academy
Emily Salazar of Innovate-Educate
Teresa Brito-Asenap of Lumina Unidos/UNM Equity & Inclusion
Angelo Gonzales of CEPR
Tommy Hernandez of BBBS
Hahn Nguyen of FUE
Zoe Otero Martinez of Junior Achievement
Franklin Schargel
Diane Thomas of Atrisco Heritage
Jonquilyn Hill of Generation Justice
Curtis Chavez of Bernalillo Public Schools
George Otero of Center for Relational Learning
Kay Provolt of JAG
Itali Aranda of AFT
Lettie O'Loughlin
Rose Poston of New Mexico PBS

Introduction, Welcome, and Today's Goals by Laurel Wyckoff

Mission: Graduate presentation by Angelo Gonzales (See [Community Partner Page](#) for Angelo's "Mission: Graduate Roadshow Presentation") – first report to be published in August

Discussion Highlights:

- On the job training and career exploration was brought up as it should be included.
- Share New Mexico is a free website, login and register to use their management tools and can be set as private.
- The new GED is privatized (contract sold to Pearson) and will be more rigorous and much more costly.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters' Mentor 2.0 is being implemented at two charter schools. Potential first time college students receive a mentor that has a college degree and is employed in the career the student wishes to pursue. BBBS is currently the second market (behind Dallas) and we won't know results to see if student is engaging in classes until after four years. The website is www.BBBS-cnm.org.
- It was felt that there are random acts of achievement are across the State and they need somehow to be aligned. That may be part of the charge for *Mission: Graduate*.

Update on Community Forum Planning Group with Laurel, Angelo, Kay, Teresa, Franklin:

- Objective: Identify one or more short term but sustainable strategies that attendees and partners can collaborate on to improve attendance
- Outcome: Action plan
- Host: Potentially three entities co-hosting

- Structure: Provide a list of strategies that are proven to work in other communities
- Provide local data about attendance and barriers
- Provide general principles, from Attendance Works, to focus conversation (see presentation)
- Agenda for next Community partner meeting will be to work together or in groups to create a powerful question to use in community discussions. What question, if answered, could make the most difference to student success?

Next meeting will be August 5, United Way of Central NM, second floor

Thanks to everyone for your time and willingness to partner with New Mexico PBS.

*****Meeting concluded*****