

Update on the Development of the Annual Data System

June 2017

Overview of this Report

This report provides the COA with an update on the development of the Annual Data System.

Staff Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is required.

Background

A critical part of the Strengthening and Streamlining Accreditation project is the development of an annual data system. This data system, which is currently in development, will serve multiple purposes. First, the data system will assist the Commission in capturing data about educator preparation program to allow it to more easily report on various aspects of educator preparation in California. For example, currently, the Commission staff cannot easily pull from existing data sources to identify the number of integrated undergraduate and credential program pathways, nor can the Commission staff report on current enrollment beyond the limited information available through Title II. This data system will be designed to be able to respond to some of these more recent data needs of the agency with respect to educator preparation.

In addition, the data system will be used for housing a wide variety of data that will be used to inform accreditation decisions, to help streamline the process, and realize the vision for focusing on outcomes. In initial years, the data system will contain basic information such as the programs offered by the institution, information about pathways in which programs are offered, enrollment in programs, and some demographic information about the candidates in programs. Eventually, outcomes measures related to candidate competence and program effectiveness will be built into the system over time. Data will include performance assessment information as well as passage rates on examinations required for credentials.

The development with an IT contractor is coming to an end on June 30, 2017. Staff will update the COA on the development of the work thus far and answer questions from the COA. In addition, the COA may wish to discuss a plan for beginning to incorporate the use of the data system in the accreditation process.