

Update on Accreditation Activities November 2017

Overview

This item provides an update on accreditation activities for Fall 2017.

Staff Recommendation

This is for information only.

Background

The current system is designed as a seven-year cycle comprised of several major components or activities:

Annually	Data Submission
Years 1 and 4	Submission of Preconditions Documentation
Year 5, Fall	Program Review (program assessment for Green) Submission
Year 5, Spring	Common Standards Submission
Year 6	Site Visit
Year 7	Follow Up to address issues of concern identified by the Site Visit Teams.

Beginning with the November 2017 COA meeting and continuing through spring 2018, all site visit reports for the Green cohort will come before the COA as they are completed. Staff will discuss with the COA the multitude of activities taking place around the various components of accreditation for the approximately 250 Commission-approved institutions. In particular, staff will discuss the work around:

- 1) Initial Institutional Approval: Staff will provide any updates on the institutions seeking initial institutional approval, including a revision to the application process for NGOs and CBOs intending to become a program sponsor offering a STEM program.
- 2) Submission of Preconditions Documentation: This will include an update on the work done recently to review preconditions for Green, Yellow, and Violet. In addition, this will include changes the staff plans to implement with the cohorts that will be submitting in March 2018.
- 3) Submission and Review of Program Review documents: The Yellow cohort was required to submit to Program Review by October 15, 2017. Staff will report orally on the work begun in November 2017 to review these documents.
- 4) Submission and Review of Common Standards: The Yellow cohort is required to submit Common Standards in February 2018. Staff will update the COA on any activities related to this part of the accreditation system.
- 5) Planning for Site Visits: The Yellow cohort will have a site visit in 2018-19. Site visit dates have already been chosen by each institution. Staff will provide an update on the activities taking place in preparation for the Yellow cohort site visits.

The COA may provide direction, as it sees appropriate, on these and any other accreditation activities.