

**WASHINGTON STATE
WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
MEETING NO. 166
NOVEMBER 15, 2012
CARL PERKINS: STATE SUPPORT FOR MULTIPLE PATHWAYS**

In July the Board invited guest speaker, Kim Green, Executive Director for the National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium, to talk about multiple pathways for education and careers from a national perspective.

Ms. Green shared information about how states are implementing multiple pathways initiatives. She emphasized that some states influence systemic change through state Perkins policies that remove barriers, incent behaviors, or require specific behaviors. The Board followed up her presentation with a discussion about using its authority under Perkins to support multiple pathways.

At the September Board meeting Terri Colbert of the Workforce Board presented background information on Perkins funding, including required and permissive uses of the funds and more information on how other states use Perkins funds to make systemic changes.

In Washington, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) receive Perkins funds, based on a 44/56 percent split, respectively. These funds include Administrative, State Leadership, and Basic Grant dollars. Both systems utilize the 10 percent reserve to enhance funding for districts that are rural, or serve a high number or high percentage of career and technical education students.

Also at the September meeting the Board adopted the goals, objectives, and strategies for High Skills, High Wages 2012. The plan focuses on multiple pathways for education and careers.

At the November board meeting OSPI and SBCTC will share information about how their agency and their respective systems use Perkins funds to support career and technical education programs, and in particular, multiple pathways for education and careers.

Board Action Requested: For discussion purposes only.