MILITARY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (MPLA) TASK FORCE

Orientation / Meeting
February 3, 2016
1:30 – 3:00 PM
Dr. Arthur Sutton, Task Force Chair
Members of the MPLA Task Force

Your service and commitment guarantees a thorough and enduring success of our objective!

- Senator Pamela J. Althoff, 32nd District
- Senator Tom Cullerton, 23rd District
- Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, 83rd District
- Representative Jeanne M. Ives, 42nd District
- Mr. Kevin Schott, Office of the Fire Marshall
- Dr. Walter Pearson, Loyola University, Chicago
- Mr. Dan Wellman, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs
- President Charlotte Warren, Lincoln Land Community College
- Ms. Amy Sherman, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning
- Ms. Kim Eck, Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- Mr. Jess Ray, Illinois State University
- Dr. Ron Williams, Western Illinois University
- Mr. Jeff Newell, Illinois Community College Board
- Ms. Cynthia Rathunde, City Colleges of Chicago
- Dr. Janet Fontenot, Southwestern Illinois College
- Dr. Adam Tournier, McKendree University
Today’s Agenda
(as provided in your handout)

- Welcome .................. Dr. James Applegate
  Executive Director, IBHE

- Introduction .............. Dr. Arthur Sutton
  Deputy Director, IBHE Diversity & Outreach;
  Task Force Chair

- Presentation #1 ............ Ms. Amy Sherman
  Associate VP of Innovation and Policy
  Council for Adult & Experiential Learning (CAEL)

- Presentation #2 ............ Dr. Dan Cullen
  Deputy Director, IBHE Academic Affairs
  Ms. Amanda Winters
  Assistant Director, IBHE Academic Affairs

- Discussion, MPLA T/F
  Meeting Schedule ........... Task Force members

- Closing Comments .........
Role and Purpose of the Task Force

- **To objectively examine** current Illinois and national Military Prior Learning Assessment activities, models and practices.

- **To make recommendations** that will improve postsecondary outcomes for Illinois veterans and military personnel.

- **To share those recommendations** with institutions of higher education and government officials.
A final report of the research and recommendations to the Illinois General Assembly due December, 2016
Considerations of the Task Force

- **DISTINCT DEFINITION:** What is meant by prior military learning assessment?

- **PURPOSE:** What purposes do prior military learning assessments serve?

- **VISION:** What is our ultimate vision for Priority Military Learning Assessment in Illinois? What will best serve our students?

- **NATIONAL PEERS:** How is prior military learning being assessed in other states?

- **OBSTACLES:** What are the known and/or potential obstacles to achieving: 1) accurate PMLA, 2) Implementation of PMLA, and 3) Success as a task force?

- **STATE GOALS:** What state goals can prior military learning assessment serve? What can the State do to advance prior military learning assessments?

- **DATA, TECHNOLOGY:** Do we have the data necessary to answer the essential questions about prior military learning assessment? What are the best ways to use PLA scan results?
Activity of the Task Force

- Will convene approximately five times from February, 2016 to November, 2016

- Examine research, reports, etc., and review landscape of prior military learning assessments.

- Prepare, present and consider various issues and developments pertaining to prior military learning assessments.

- Discuss preliminary recommendations and Report format.

- Discuss final recommendations and Report.

- Submit final report to General Assembly in December.