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Welcome!

Welcome to the 2016 MoKanSan State Authorization Summit!

I would like to thank you for attending our inaugural event for the Missouri-Kansas State Authorization Network (MoKanSan). Today, we are here to tackle the tough topics in state authorization. We have an action-packed day planned for you, featuring four of the top minds in the field of state authorization in distance and online education:

- Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET's State Authorization Network
- Marshall Hill, Executive Director, NC-SARA
- Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis WCET
- Leroy Wade, Interim Commissioner, Coordinating Board for Higher Education

There are many people I would like to thank for making the inaugural MoKanSan State Authorization Summit a success. Devon Cancilla, Ahmed Elbermawy, Julie Hartwell, Nicholas Liddeke, Lara Mabry, Molly Mead, Melissa Messina, and Jennifer Sackhoff of UMKC Online for the abundance of assistance, advice, and expertise in ensuring the Summit runs smoothly; our four keynote speakers who have taken the time to travel to the Paris of the Plains to offer their expertise on the pressing topics in state authorization. And many thanks to you for participating in the initial MoKanSan State Authorization Summit and making it a success by your attendance. If you are interested in becoming a member of MoKanSan, the Missouri-Kansas State Authorization Network, please log on to <http://online.umkc.edu/mokansan/join> to register.

Today is dedicated to collaboratively turning our questions and uncertainties into an action plan for our respective universities and colleges to tackle the ever-changing landscape of state authorization. It's about becoming a part of a regional networking group. It's about answering questions, networking, and meeting new allies. Soak up the sessions. Ask questions. Make contacts. I hope you find the summit informative and worthwhile.

Brandie Elliott, B.A., State Authorization Coordinator for UMKC Online

Speakers

Marshall Hill, Executive Director, NC-SARA



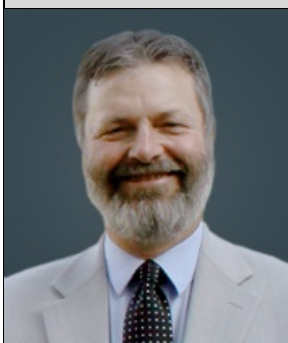
Marshall A. Hill is Executive Director of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), which provides a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. His involvement with SARA spans work with the Presidents' Forum/Council of State Governments drafting team, the development of SARA agreements with the country's four regional higher education compacts, and membership on the National Commission on Regulation of Postsecondary Distance Education. Prior to assuming his NC-SARA position in August of 2013, he served eight years as executive director of Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Before his work in Nebraska, he was assistant commissioner for universities and health-related institutions at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Hill earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in music from Utah State University and a Ph.D. in music education, with a minor in higher education, from Florida State University.

Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET State Authorization Network



Cheryl Dowd is the Director for the WCET/State Authorization Network where she assists institutions and organizations to gain knowledge and understanding of the state and federal regulations impacting institutions' out of state activities. She also helps institutions to develop best practices for compliance at their institutions. Prior to her work with WCET, she managed state authorization compliance for Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio. In addition, she served as the Health Sciences Completion Coordinator for Sinclair's US Department of Education Title III grant, Connect 4 Completion. She earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of Richmond in Virginia, Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and Bachelor's degree in Political Science from James Madison University in Virginia.

Leroy Wade, Interim Commissioner, Coordinating Board for Higher Education



Leroy Wade was appointed interim commissioner of higher education by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education on March 1, 2016. He previously served as the deputy commissioner for the Missouri Department of Higher Education and assistant commissioner for Financial Assistance, Outreach and Proprietary School Certification. He has been a member of the Department of Higher Education staff since 1986. Wade serves on the executive committee of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, board of directors of the Missouri Scholarship and Loan Foundation, board of directors of the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel, the board of directors of Kids Chance of Missouri, and the Missouri School College Relations Commission. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a B.A. in Political Science from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis WCET



Russ Poulin is director of policy and analysis for WCET, the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies, which is a national organization focused on the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Russ directs WCET's state and national policy efforts, research activities, and consortial partnerships to improve practices. In 2014, Russ represented the distance education community on the Department of Education's negotiated rulemaking team that considered the Department's proposed state authorization regulations. Previously, he coordinated distance education activities for the North Dakota University System. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Denver and a Master's from the University of Northern Colorado. Contacts: @RussPoulin or rpoulin@wiche.edu.

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Detailed Schedule- Brush Creek Room	
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Registration & Refreshments
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Introduction & Welcome <i>Barbara Bichelmeyer, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, UMKC</i>
8:45-9:15 a.m.	Table Discussion <i>Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis WCET</i> <i>Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET State Authorization Network</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you hope to learn at the State Authorization Summit?
9:15-10:00 a.m.	The State View of State Authorization <i>Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis WCET</i> <i>Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET State Authorization Network</i> <i>Leroy Wade, Interim Commissioner, Coordinating Board for Higher Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics of state authorization • Trends in state regulations • The regulator's perspective
10:00-10:45 a.m.	The SARA View of State Authorization <i>Marshall Hill, Executive Director, NC-SARA</i> <i>Leroy Wade, Interim Commissioner, Coordinating Board for Higher Education</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is SARA now? • The renewal process • Where is SARA going? • The Portal Agency's view and experience
10:45-11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00-11:45 a.m.	The Federal View of State Authorization <i>Russell Poulin, Director, Policy & Analysis WCET</i> <i>Marshall Hill, Executive Director, NC-SARA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Defense MOU • Department of Education's proposed new regulations
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch, Gillham Park Room
1:00-2:00 p.m.	The Institutional View of State Authorization <i>Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET State Authorization Network</i> <i>Brandie Elliott, State Authorization Coordinator, UMKC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion in groups • Report out discussion
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15-3:00 p.m.	Partnering to Address Issues <i>Cheryl Dowd, Director, WCET State Authorization Network</i> <i>Brandie Elliott, State Authorization Coordinator, UMKC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCET's State Authorization Network (SAN) • SAN Ohio • MoKanSan • Table Discussion—What would you like to see in a regional networking group?
3:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion & Conclusion