CARES Act Town Hall

MAY 6, 2020
9:00 – 10:30AM
ZOOM
FACILITATORS

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CARES ACT TIMELINE

March 27, 2020
CARES Act Signed by President Trump

April 9, 2020
Funds Available and Guidance Released in MOU

April 21, 2020
Additional Guidance Released in FAQs
TOWN HALL ENGAGEMENT

CHAT TO ASK QUESTIONS
AND SHARE RESOURCES

RAISE HAND TO SPEAK
ISSUES

Planning and strategizing
Identifying eligible students
Contacting students
Communicating and requesting information
Identifying needs and establishing funding priorities
Distribution of funds
Documenting college decisions and distributions
Integration with other resources and services
POLL

We may not have enough time in this 90-minute session to cover all topics. Please identify your top 3 areas of concern in our poll.
PLANNING AND STRATEGIZING

How have you formed your planning team? What factors are you considering when you design your CARES Act emergency assistance fund? How will your plan be approved (board, cabinet, etc.)?
IDENTIFYING ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

How is your college identifying eligible students? How are you complying with the CARES Act eligibility requirements without creating significant hurdles for students?
CONTACTING STUDENTS

What strategies are you using to reach students? How are you addressing internet and device access challenges? How are you responding to questions from students? How are students submitting CARES Act questions to the college?
COMMUNICATING AND REQUESTING INFORMATION

What information are you communicating to students? What types of information are you requesting of students? What information informed these decisions?
IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND ESTABLISHING FUNDING PRIORITIES

Are you distributing funds by a formula or assessing individual need? Or both? What economic challenges are you prioritizing? What process did you use to identify priorities? How is the CARES Act team mitigating any bias?
DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

How do you plan to distribute funds? Will you use cash, checks, direct deposit, account credit or other distribution channels? Are you allowing students to choose?
DOCUMENTING COLLEGES DECISIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

How are you documenting all of your decisions related to the distribution of CARES Act funds? How are you tracking the timing of student application submissions and aid distribution?
INTEGRATION WITH OTHER RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The CARES Act emergency assistance funds are not unlimited. How are you integrating with other non-academic supports? Integration with community-based resources, unemployment, or public benefits? Integration with academic supports?
MI-BEST RESOURCES

The Michigan Center for Student Success launched the MI-BEST initiative in January 2020. Participating colleges can find resources that may be helpful in your implementation of practices to support student success. Materials from past events are available on the MI-BEST Events page. Contact Precious Miller, Coordinator of MI-BEST, with questions.

- COVID-19
- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGENCY
- NCII FINANCIAL STABILITY SCALE OF ADOPTION ASSESSMENT (FSSOA)
- BEYOND FINANCIAL AID
FUTURE TOPICS
MI-BEST UPCOMING EVENTS

TBD/ May 13 at 9am: CARES Act Virtual Discussion 2
Wednesday, May 27: Trellis Student Financial Wellness Survey Overview
Wednesday, June 3: MI-BEST Virtual Workshop

Registration information available at www.michiganbest.org.
MI-BEST PAST EVENTS
MCCA SUPPORT

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REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

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https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html
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NASFAA, the Hope Center, and MDRC
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