

M7 Momentum Pathways

In-State Leadership Meeting

November 2, 2018

Sponsored by:

- The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread
- M7 Higher Education Regional Alliance
- Wisconsin Complete College America Alliance
- ECMC Foundation

Statement of Purpose:

University leadership, from the newly formed M7 Higher Education Regional Alliance, will convene to develop a case statement that communicates the need to address college completion as a strategic regional priority, clearly defines completion goals for the region, and provides evidence in support of the implementation of Momentum Pathways strategies at scale to increase post secondary completion in the region.

About The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread

The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread convenes the right people on timely and compelling topics and empowers them to find innovative solutions with sustained impact. Our meetings among leaders and experts are small and intimate: the issues they address are big and important. Our neutrality creates a unique oasis of trust so the diversity of perspectives around the table are heard and respected. World-class facilitation inspires provocative, yet collaborative, dialogue. Interesting things begin to happen. A common vision emerges. A new path is discovered. Alliances are built. Transformational change takes root.

The Foundation has been a catalyst for lasting change in a variety of areas for more than 50 years. We played an instrumental role in conceiving the National Endowment for the Arts, National Public Radio, and the International Criminal Court. From 2008 to 2014, the Foundation developed a groundbreaking national dialogue on freshwater challenges and solutions called Charting New Waters.

More recently, we have tackled important challenges to create positive and lasting change benefitting our local communities with our unique convening for impact model. This includes partnering with a variety of organizations to form the Racine Collaborative for Children's Mental Health (C2MH) to design and implement a plan to improve the mental health of Racine's youth. More than a hundred public, private and non-profit partners are actively engaged in the C2MH effort. The Foundation also helped launch the Greater Racine Collaborative for Healthy Birth Outcomes, a coordinated approach to reduce by half African American infant mortality in Racine.

Today, the Foundation is directing its energy and expertise on catalyzing greater coordination and collaboration among leaders and stakeholders to enhance our quality of life, drive economic vitality and ensure a stronger, better future for all of our communities within the Greater Racine region and beyond.

We know problems can only be solved when diverse partners share their ideas, concerns and commitments in a way that leads to real understanding and positive change. We strive to be the catalyst for that change.

Who we are reflects the passions and values of the Johnson Family. Three generations of this successful Midwestern business family have guided our work. Their enduring commitment to a better world is also our vision.

The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Johnson family home known as Wingspread, completed in 1939, is nestled amid 36 wooded acres near the western shore of Lake Michigan. It was donated to the Foundation in 1959 to promote "the free exchange of constructive and purposeful ideas." The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread occupies a singular place among conference facilities and conveners with its combination of focused vision, mission, historic and stimulating natural setting and unique convening model.

Program

**Friday
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8:30 a.m. Welcome from The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread

Roger C. Dower
President, The Johnson Foundation at Wingspread

Welcome from HERA Co-Chairs

Dr. Debbie Ford
Chancellor, University Wisconsin – Parkside

Dr. Vicki Martin
President, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)

8:45 a.m. M7 Region Local Context

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9:30 a.m. Using Momentum Pathways to Advance Student Success

Sarah Ancel
Senior Vice President, Complete College America

Blake Johnson
Vice President of Strategy, Advocacy and Communications, Complete College America

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Local Context: Discussion

CCA Facilitated Discussion

11:30 a.m. Building a Case for Support

Blake Johnson
Vice President of Strategy, Advocacy and Communications

- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch Buffet
- 1:15 p.m.** Building the Case: Small Group Discussions
CCA Facilitated Discussion
- 2:15 p.m.** Break
- 2:30 p.m.** Building the Case: Full Group Discussions
CCA Facilitated Discussion
- 3:00 p.m.** Securing the Commitment

Sarah Ancel
Senior Vice President, Complete College America
- 3:15 p.m.** Closing and Next Steps

Jonathan Dunn
Milwaukee Succeeds Goal Manager and HERA Program Director

DeAnn Possehl
Higher Expectations, Post Secondary Education and Training Network
Facilitator
- 4:00 p.m.** Adjournment

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