

Education-to-Career Research and Data Hub

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting

June 16th, 2023

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions. (~20 mins)
- Main Topic of Discussion. (~40 - 60 mins)
 1. Overview of the RAC's Objectives and Responsibilities
 2. Overview of the Education-to-Career Research and Data Hub (E2C Hub)
 3. The E2C Hub Leadership and Decision-Making Structure
- Wrap Up & Next Steps. (~10 mins)

Welcome to the 1st RAC Meeting!

- **RAC Members:** Name, organization, job title, and what you are most excited about being a member of the RAC.

E2C Hub:

- Sam Ribnick
- David Bogojevich
- Danielle Kane
- Julian Smith Sparks
- Ofa Middleton
- Amy Checkoway (**EEC**)
- Kendra Winner (**DESE**)
- Elana McDermott (**DESE**)
- Mario Delci (**DHE**)
- Suzanne Smith (**DHE**)

Round of Introductions: **Early Childhood**

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Early Childhood:

- Anne Douglass
- Ashley White
- Christina Weiland
- Yoonsook Ha

Round of Introductions: K-12

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K-12:

- Brian Gill
- Christopher Cleveland
- Dan Goldhaber
- Kate Keller
- Sarah Cohodes
- Shaun M. Dougherty

Round of Introductions: Higher Education

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- **RAC Members:** Name, organization, job title, and what you are most excited about being a member of the RAC.

Higher Education:

- Alexander K. Mayer
- Cheryl Ching
- Jeremiah Johnson
- Monnica Chan
- Shanette Porter
- Wil Del Pilar

Round of Introductions: Labor and Workforce

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Labor and Workforce:

- Pinghui Wu
- Hannah Hermanson
- Mark Melnik
- Penny Hasseli

Round of Introductions: District and Advocates

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District and Advocates:

- Abigail Anderson
- Anne McKenzie
- Sean Precious
- Vernée Wilkinson

Overview of the RAC's Objectives and Responsibilities

2023 RAC Members

Domain	Name	Org/District
Early Childhood	Anne Douglass	UMass Boston
Early Childhood	Ashley White	Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
Early Childhood	Christina Weiland	University of Michigan
Early Childhood	Yoonsook Ha	Boston University
K-12	Brian Gill	Mathematica
K-12	Christopher Cleveland	Harvard University
K-12	Dan Goldhaber	CALDER
K-12	Kate Keller	EdVestors
K-12	Sarah Cohodes	University of Michigan
K-12	Shaun M. Dougherty	Boston College
Higher Ed	Alexander K. Mayer	MDRC
Higher Ed	Cheryl Ching	University of Massachusetts Boston
Higher Ed	Jeremiah Johnson	UMass Donahue Institute
Higher Ed	Monnica Chan	UMass Boston
Higher Ed	Shanette Porter	University of Chicago
Higher Ed	Wil Del Pilar	The Education Trust

Domain	Name	Org/District
Labor/Workforce	Pinghui Wu	Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Labor/Workforce	Hannah Hermanson	UMass Chan Medical School
Labor/Workforce	Mark Melnik	UMass Donahue Institute
Labor/Workforce	Penny Hasseli	MassHire Metro North Workforce Board
District/Advocates	Abigail Anderson	Lowell Public Schools
District/Advocates	Anne McKenzie	Hadley Public Schools
District/Advocates	Sean Precious	Brockton Public Schools
District/Advocates	Vernée Wilkinson	SchoolFacts Boston

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RAC Members

RAC Membership and Expectations

Membership and Expectations

- Members will initially commit to a one-year term.
- Formal meetings will be held every four months, with a duration of 1.5-2 hours (3x per year).
 - Members will be expected to attend at least two formal meetings annually.
 - Meetings will be held virtually.

RAC Participation

- RAC members can anticipate spending 1-3 hours a month on related activities.
- RAC members will collaborate on current RAC topics and provide suggestions for further development.
- The E2C Hub team will facilitate regular communication and engagement between the RAC and the Cross-Agency Leadership Group, which governs the E2CHub.

Overview of Planned RAC Topics

1. **Research questions in priority areas** – Identifying potential research questions related to agency priority areas that could be addressed by the E2C Hub team via longitudinal or cross-agency data (e.g., wage data, ECIDS).
2. **Public datasets** – Recommending aggregated datasets that researchers would like to see available through the Hub and providing feedback on the structure of existing datasets.
3. **Data quality and completeness** – Highlighting gaps or issues with state data, contributing to investigations, and recommending solutions.
4. **Research briefs and data stories** – Recommending areas of published research that could help inform policy priorities, and providing feedback on research briefs or data stories that highlight evidence for policymaking or exemplar success stories.
5. **Data/research request processes** – Providing feedback on existing processes and planned new processes; highlighting strengths from other states' processes or policies related to research.
6. **User experience testing** – Advising on the design of new Hub tools (e.g., dashboards, research library, website) and helping recruit users for testing.

Discussion Time!

- Which RAC topic would you like to focus on first? (poll)
- What additional topics would you like the RAC to work on?

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**Break
(~10 mins)**

Overview of the E2C Hub

Education-to-Career Research and Data Hub

Our Vision

Increasing data access to promote equity



Researcher



HS Principal



Policy Maker



Family
Member



Student



College Dean



Teacher



Agency Staff

A Cross-Agency Effort



MASSACHUSETTS
**Department of
Early Education and Care**



MASSACHUSETTS
**Department of
Higher Education**



MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF
LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education



children's
trusttm



Massachusetts
Education-to-Career
Research and Data Hub

E2C Research and Data Hub Principles

1



Promote **shared ownership** for progress **on state goals** for education and career

2



Provide **actionable research** on what leads to progress **on long-term outcomes**

3



Increase access to more complete data

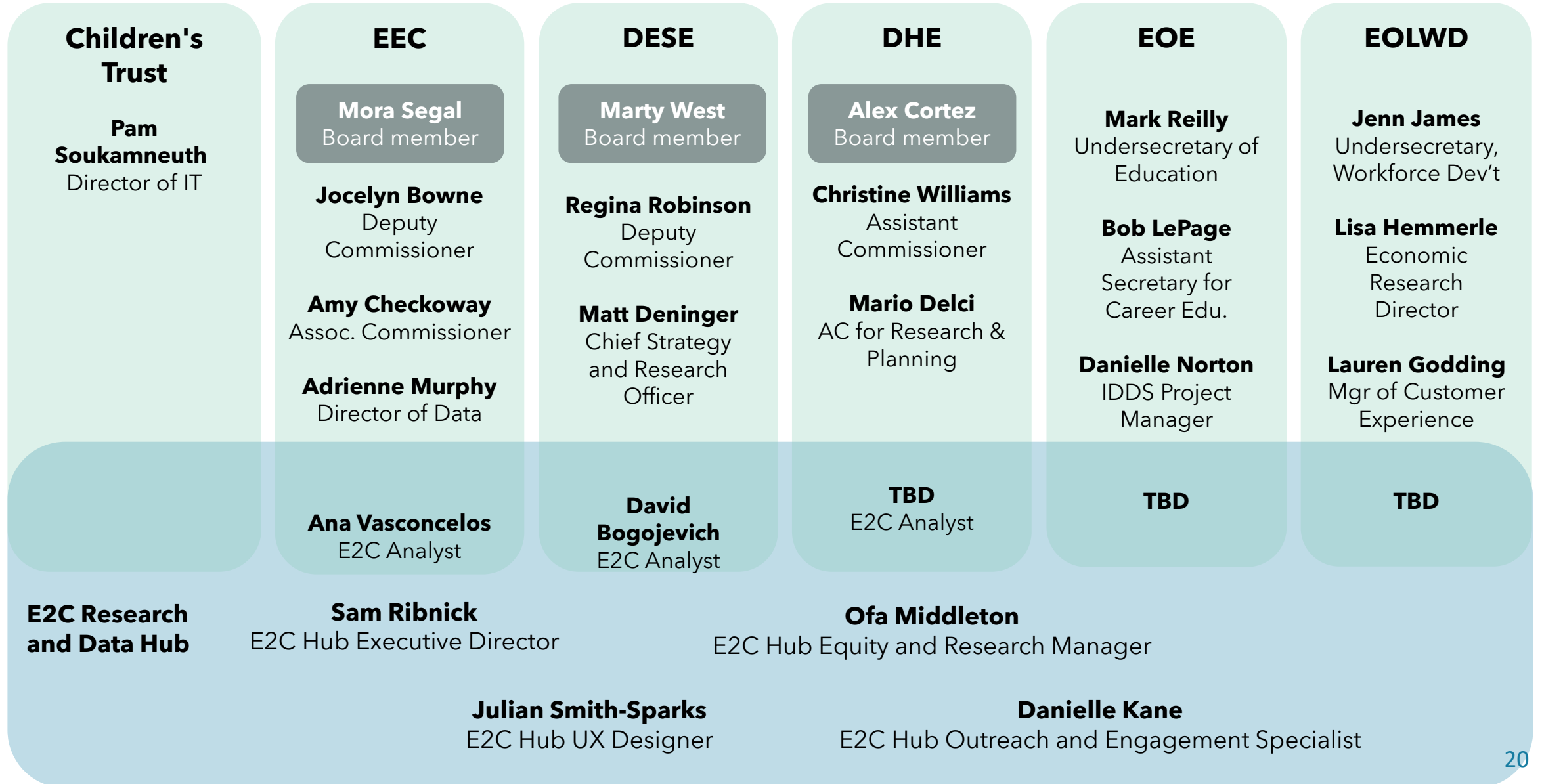
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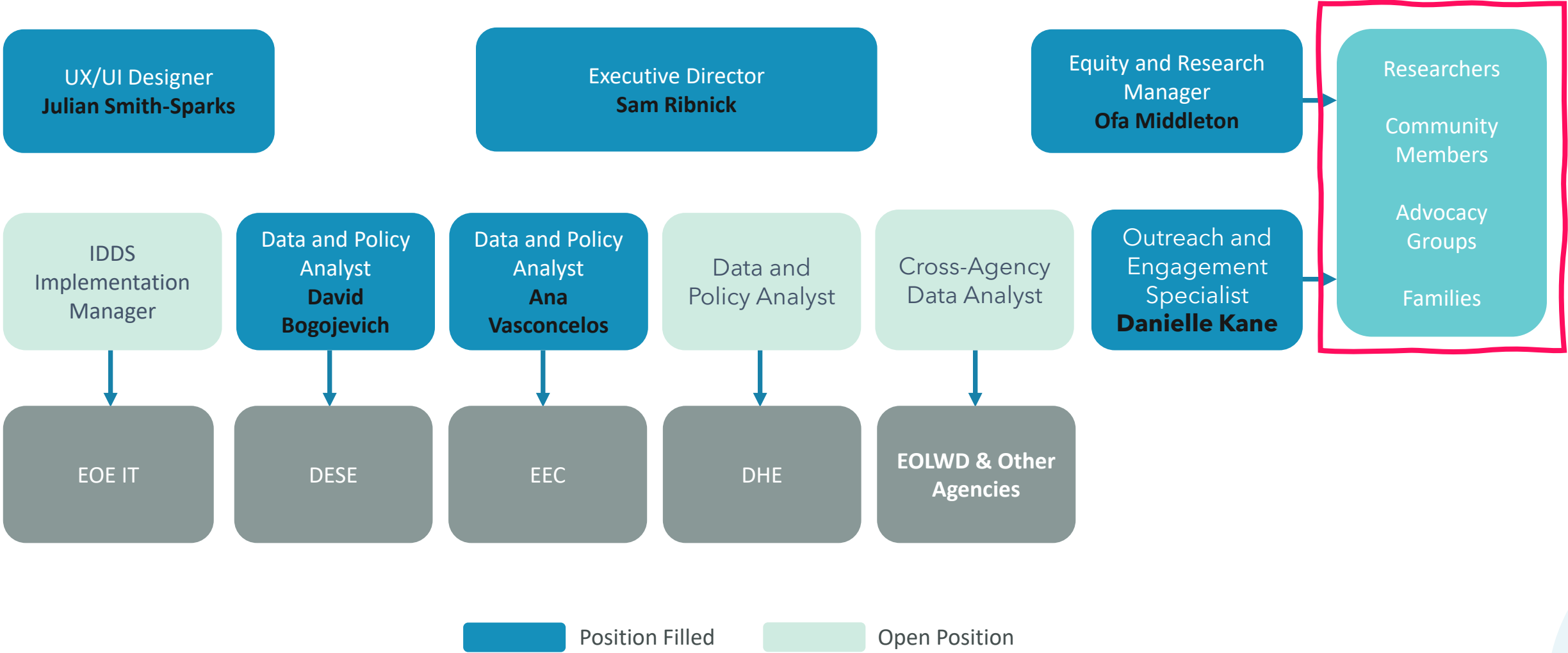
Enable **more efficient, effective and transparent** reporting and **data use**

The E2C Hub Leadership and Decision-Making Structure

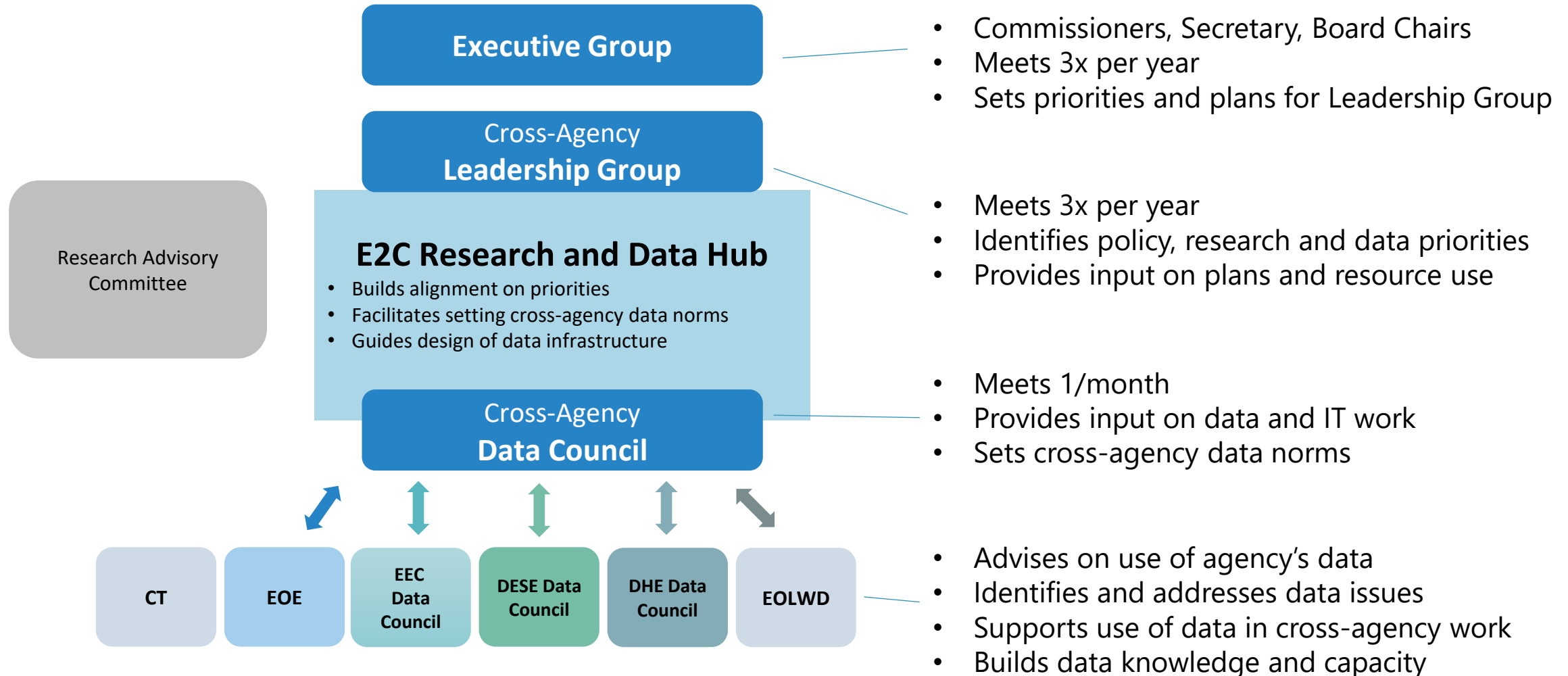
E2C Cross-Agency Leadership Group



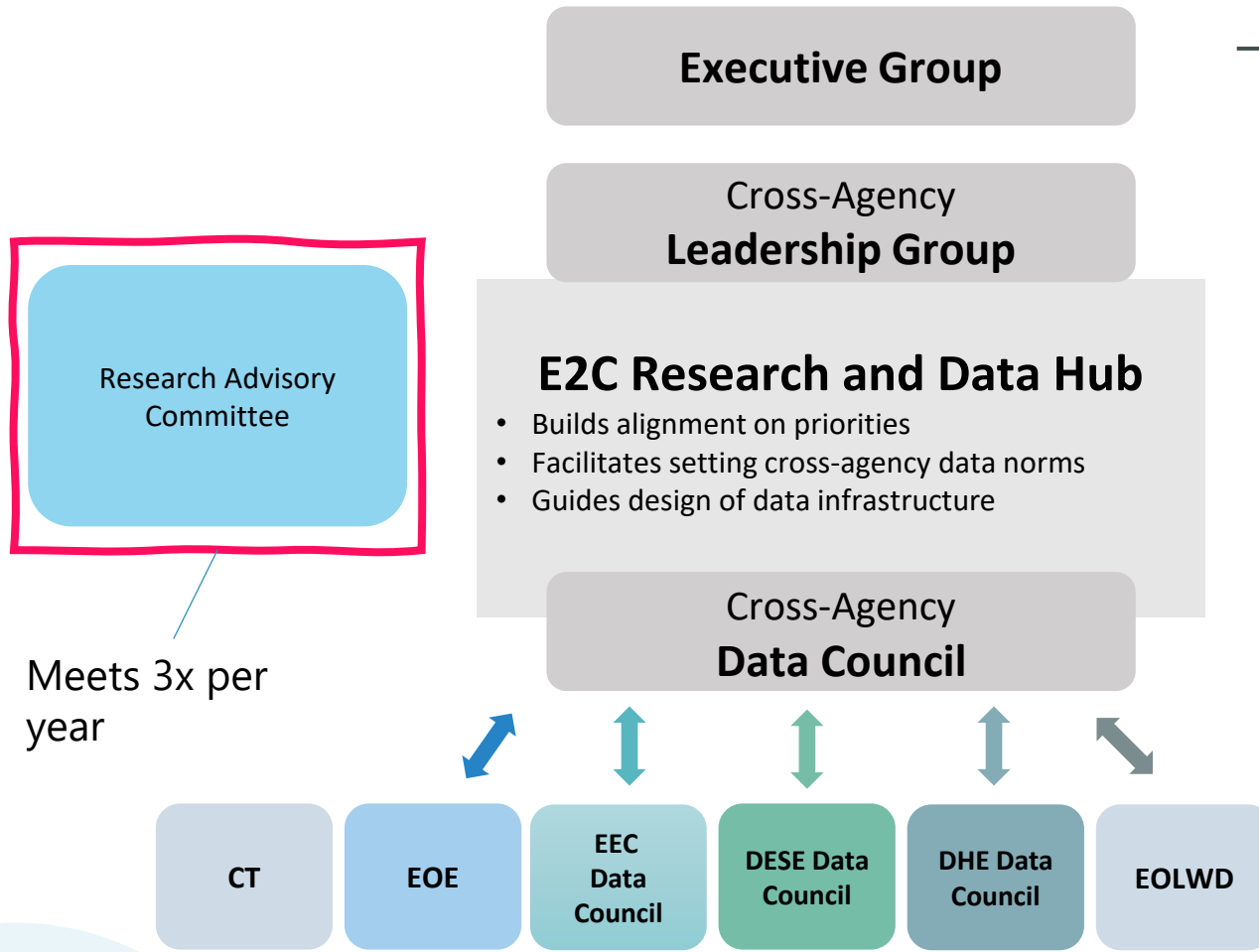
Education-to-Career Research and Data Hub Staffing



Role of Leadership Group



Role of RAC



Purpose and Goals

- Identify top needs of researchers
- Provide diverse external perspectives
- Advise on data tools and data sets
- Collaborate on research priorities
- Support data quality improvements

Overall aim: Leverage the expertise of RAC members to inform decision-making, improve the quality of research and data, and ultimately contribute to the betterment of education and workforce outcomes in the community.

RAC Review

1. What's one way the RAC will add value for the education community?
2. What's one thing missing from the design of the RAC that you think is important?
3. What access or resources do you wish you had for the work you're doing? Dream big!

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Thank you!

I would like to express my gratitude to all our attendees for their active engagement, thoughtful contributions, and commitment to the meeting's objectives. Your input has been instrumental in shaping this work moving forward.

Questions?

Members of the public who have questions, please use the Q&A function.

Wrap Up & Next Steps

Meeting Recap

- Overview of the RAC goals and objectives
- Overview of the E2C Hub's Leadership Structure
- Areas for collaboration
- Post-Meeting Survey for RAC Members

Upcoming RAC Meetings: Virtual

- August 18th, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- November 17th, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- March 15th, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Next E2C Hub Leadership Meeting:

- July 14th, 2023

Questions? Email us at E2CHub@mass.gov

Visit our website at: <https://www.mass.gov/e2c>