Maryland Adult Learning Advisory Council  
Annie E. Casey Foundation  
503 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21202  

December 3, 2018  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  

AGENDA  

Meeting Outcomes:  
- Discuss member priorities and possible synergies among partners.  
- Share updates at the state and departmental levels.  
- Share initiatives to increase access to post-secondary education in Maryland.  
- Discuss current state and federal work on expanding the use of Ability to Benefit, the provision allowing individuals without a high school diploma to access federal financial aid for career pathway programs.  

10:00  Welcome and Introductions  
Opening Discussion & Member Priorities  
Approval of Minutes: September 7, 2018  

Irene Lee, Chair  
Terry R. Gilleland Jr., Co-Chair  

10:30  Greetings and Updates  

James Rzepkowski, Assistant Secretary, Workforce Development and Adult Learning, DLLR  

10:40  MHEC Overview & Workforce Development  
Sequence Scholarships  

Emily Dow, Assistant Secretary, Academic Affairs, MHEC  
Donna Thomas, Director, OSFA, MHEC  

11:10  Ability to Benefit  

Judy Mortude, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP  
Lauren Walizer, Senior Policy Analyst, CLASP  

11:45  Closing Discussion  

Irene Lee, Chair  
Terry Gilleland Jr., Co-Chair  

12:00  Adjournment and Networking Lunch  

All