Consideration 3 Clarification and Additional Information

In the fall of 2017, Research and Performance Management published the Measurable Skill Gains Report as a tool for providers to use for program evaluation and improvement. This report reflects the outcomes that were reported to the federal government for the state of North Carolina for the 2016-17 Program Year and was based on knowledge of federal reporting requirements, state policies, and the data that was available at that time.

Based on the new Technical Assistance Manual released by the National Reporting Service (NRS) in January of 2018, guidance from federal and state partners, and feedback from providers, Research and Performance Management is reviewing the methodology for the next reporting cycle. A review has been conducted related to the 90-day look back period and Periods of Participation criteria. In this review, Research and Performance Management identified a methodology change that would yield a marginal impact across the state of 0.2%. This methodology change will be implemented for future reporting cycles.

The 2016-17 reporting process concluded with the reporting of official data to the federal government in the fall of 2017. Reporting of 2016-17 outcomes should be based on the published report as this reflects the data reported to the federal government.

Consideration 9 Clarification and Additional Information

On February 16, 2018, Research and Performance Management sent Table 7 for 2016-17 to colleges. Table 7 was generated for the colleges using data submitted to the System Office via the LEIS flat file at the end of the 2016-17 program year. 2016-17 year-end data from providers’ student information systems was used in the official report to the National Reporting System.

Consideration 9 has two parts that rely solely on a narrative response. Table 7 is included to assist you in formulating your answer to the question. Points for this section are only awarded based on the narrative response. In developing your narrative, you may provide additional information regarding the certifications held by your staff during the 2016-17 reporting period.