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Synopsis:	The Executive Update will provide members with a review of current agency work related to program administration and policy. The Executive Director will provide this synopsis at the beginning of each Council meeting.
Guiding questions:	Do the activities of the agency align with our statutory mission?
Possible council action:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Adopt <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Documents and attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief/Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint <input type="checkbox"/> Third-party materials <input type="checkbox"/> Other

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November 2014

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Two-Month Review



The Executive Director update will highlight the agency's efforts related to our statutory mission and program administration.

The two-month summary chart provides a synopsis of agency efforts since the last Council meeting.

Agency Update Two-Month Executive Summary

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	Near future: Initiation of 2015 College Goal Washington Campaign.
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	Near future: Formal delivery of the 2014 Strategic Action Plan.
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	Near Future: Assembly days outreach and support.

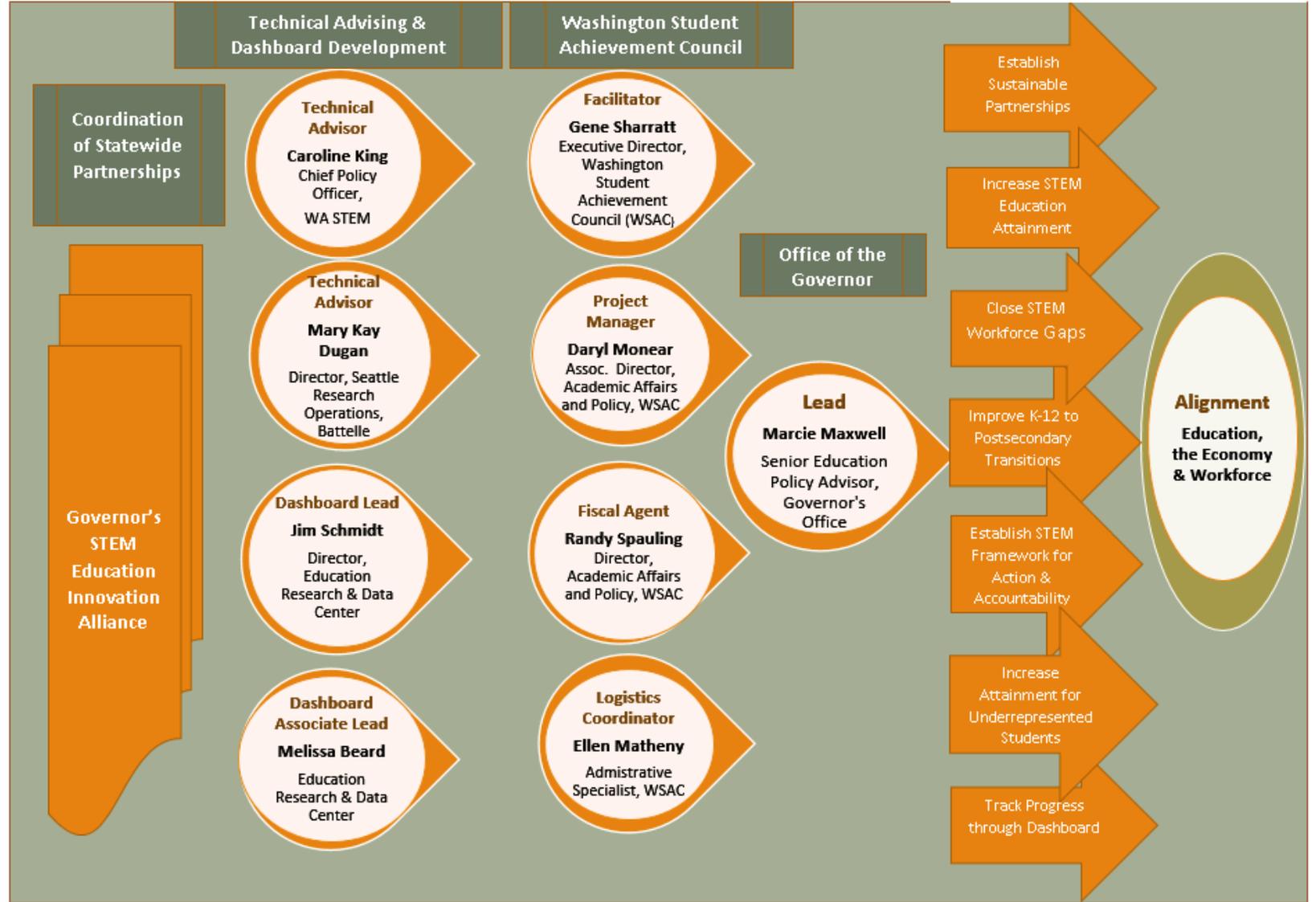
Recent Highlights and Future Efforts



Category	Activity
Outreach and Advocacy	GEAR UP West conference; College Application Campaign concludes; College Goal Washington begins January 2015; PTA Legislative Assembly; Washington Educators' Conference.
Policy and Research	Veterans Employee Resource Group; SBAC; metrics of systems health; STEM update; Council Committee work; PLA conference; New BSN pathway; Disability Task Force Recommendations (staff presentation).
Programs	Washington Financial Aid Association Conference; GET open enrollment and new website.
Legislative Work	Legislative meetings; stakeholder collaboration; SAP advocacy.

Washington- NGA STEM

Draft Organizational Chart



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Task Force to Improve Access for Students with Disabilities

Background

SB 5180 – 2013 Legislative Session.

- Task force to improve access to postsecondary education for students with disabilities.
- Requires the Council to staff the task force, which must submit annual reports to the Legislature until Dec. 2015
- Composed of 29 members appointed by the Governor and 9 different organizations.



Governor Jay Inslee signing SB 5180
May 14, 2013



2014 Report Recommendations

1. Integrate elements of the High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP) into the Individualized Education Program (IEP)

2. Develop comprehensive transition materials for students with disabilities

3. Allocate funding so postsecondary institutions can offer more comprehensive services to students

4. Cover evaluations costs needed for documentation in postsecondary education

2014 Report Recommendations, Continued

5. Expand disability-related training for secondary and postsecondary educators, administrators, and personnel

6. Develop and expand programs that provide peer-mentoring, leadership, and work-based learning opportunities for students with disabilities

7. Establish a workgroup to identify barriers associated with the transferability of technology and/or accommodation resources

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