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Dr. Sharon Kristovich has had more than 20 years experience in research and statistical support. The last twelve of these years were in community college institutional research; most of the time in leadership positions. She is presently self-employed as a higher educational consultant, specializing in program and institutional evaluation, federal and state accountability, retention/persistence, student success, student engagement, enrollment trends, assessment methods, program evaluation, data warehousing and management, statistical analyses, and human subjects review. Dr. Kristovich has authored or co-authored five papers and over 30 presentations in community college institutional research.

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Mr. Patrick Perry, Vice Chancellor, California Community College System
Patrick Perry is the Vice Chancellor of Technology, Research, and Information Systems for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. He oversees the collection of unitary student records for the 112-campus system, all system wide technology initiatives, and of the Institutional Research unit responsible for all accountability reporting. In this capacity, he has leveraged data matching opportunities with external data sources that have allowed the system to fully capture student demography, progress, transfer movement, peer grouping, and wage outcomes to create a comprehensive reporting and accountability framework for two-year institutions and their student populations. Additionally, he has implemented any number of centrally-provided technology services to the CCC system, including internet connectivity, electronic transcripts, e-conferencing services, and a common student application.