Based on the work of the KSDE Accreditation Advisory Council Subcommittee on OVT Membership, the full Council voted to recommend the information below to KSDE for inclusion in the proposed model that is slated to go before the State Board in June.

Other OVT subcommittees include Process & Reports, Member/Chair Training, Evidence & Findings, and Visit Elements. The ongoing discussions of these subcommittees will be shared in future Factoids.

OUTSIDE VALIDATION TEAM (OVT)

I. Becoming an OVT member
   A. Individual registers with KSDE
   B. Successfully completes KSDE OVT Member Training
   C. Chairs successfully complete additional KSDE OVT Chair Training
   D. KSDE adds individual to OVT Pool (on KSDE website)
   E. System contacts individual with invitation/request

II. Size
   A. Extremely small system – 3-4 members
   B. Small system – 4-5 members
   C. Medium system – 6-7 members
   D. Large system – 8-9 members
   E. Metropolitan system – 10-12 members

III. Representation
   A. Guiding principle – based on particular needs of system
   B. Specialization – special education, ELL, etc.
   C. Subject area (core and non-core)
   D. Level (elem-middle-high or further breakdowns depending on size of team)
   E. Diversity as appropriate and possible

IV. Eligibility
   A. Current professional PK-12 license or PK-12 background if from higher ed
   B. Minimum of five years’ PK-12 licensed experience
   C. PK-12 retirees can provide endorsements/recommendations from current PK-12 administrators in lieu of license.
   D. No conflict of interest with regard to system being served (non-stakeholder)
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