



PROJECT 14-1319 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

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TO: CCHE Commissioners & Advisory Members
FROM: Kachina Weaver, 1319 Project Manager
RE: Project Update

This update is intended to keep the Commissioners and advisory members of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education informed about the activities and progress of the HB 14-1319 Project. A complete update will also be provided at each Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly at (303) 866-4030 or Kachina.Weaver@dhe.state.co.us.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH TEAM

Webpage: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/OutreachPage.html>

Regional Outreach Meetings are in full swing. A total of 18 meetings have been scheduled and the following are still to occur:

- Colorado Springs
- Denver - Aurora/East Metro
- Ft. Collins
- Greeley
- Pueblo

The most up-to-date schedule of dates and times can be found on the following website:

<https://www.keystone.org/component/content/article/150-science-a-public-policy/education-policy/476-higher-education-funding-public-meetings.html>

Information and advertising of the regional meetings has been done as follows:

- CDHE Press Release (institutions have been using this to formulate their own press releases for their regions);
- Keystone/Engaged sent invitations to institutional leaders, Club 20, Progressive 15, Action 22, alumni associations, county commissioners, networks offered from key informants, Colorado Office of Economic Development blueprint list, Colorado PTA, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Adult Education Professionals Association, workforce centers and local members, chambers of commerce, state legislators, students associations, Colorado Association of Commerce and

Industry, Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Counties Incorporated, Padres Unidos, United Way Mile High, and Colorado Forum.

- CDHE notified CCHE commissioners, CCHE Advisors, members of the Executive Advisory Group, members of the project expert teams, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado Association of School Boards, the project “interested parties”, institutional chief executive officers, institutional chief financial officers, campus communication officers, academic council members, and the data advisory group;
- Members of the Outreach Team each notified their constituencies – parents, faculty, provosts, students, business leaders, institutions, and non-profit organizations;
- The Bell Policy Center sent out a statewide announcement; and,
- We have asked each person receiving the invitation to send it out to their contacts.

While there has been some duplication of contacts, we believed that would help to emphasize the importance of the meetings.

The next steps for this team will be to begin looking at how to message the outcome of the project and pushing that information back out to the public and the General Assembly.

COST DRIVER ANALYSIS TEAM

Webpage: <http://higherred.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/CostDriverPage.html>

The Cost Driver Analysis Team has held two meetings so far. The first, to identify the purpose of this undertaking, understanding roles and responsibilities of the group, and establishing meeting dates/times. And the second, to hear from OSPB Director Henry Sobanet about his questions, concerns, and hopes for what will come out of this process.

FUNDING ALLOCATION MODELING TEAM

Webpage: <http://higherred.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/ModelingPage.html>

The Funding Allocation Modeling Team (FAMET) has been very hard at work deciding on recommendations for the definitions and data sources for the factors and metrics of the model. This has been a tremendously collaborative effort by all members of the team. Their recommendations have been acted on by the EAG and CCHE respectively.

The month of October will have the FAMET working with a “Test” Model to being grappling with the discussions around funding priorities and incentives.

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)

Webpage: <http://higherred.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/EAGPage.html>

The EAG will be meeting each on the heels of the FAMET meetings, to learn about the modeling progress to-date and act on or discuss any issues brought before them. The EAG will be acting on the draft weighting framework, as created by the FAMET, on October 23rd.

UPCOMING PROJECT MEETINGS

OCTOBER 2014

- **FAMET, 10/8/14, 1-4PM:** Continued discussion of additional metrics/factors. Initial discussion on draft weighting framework.
- ~~**EAG, 10/9/14, 3-5PM:** Preliminary discussion of draft weighting framework. Act on any FAMET recommendations. **CANCELLED**~~

- **FAMET 10/16/14, 1-4PM:** Continued discussion of and action on draft weighting framework. Adopt recommendations to forward to EAG for draft factor/metric weighting framework.
- **EAG, 10/17/14, 1-3PM:** Preliminary discussion of FAMET recommendations for draft factor/metric weighting framework.
- **EAG, 10/23/14, 1-3PM:** Continued discussion of and action on FAMET recommendations. Adopt recommendations to forward to CCE for draft factor/metric weighting framework.
- **By 11/1/14: Deliver** *“Draft of factors and metrics, with their weights, that the Commission is considering pursuant”* to HB 14-1319 to the General Assembly.

NOVEMBER 2014

- **CCE, 11/6/14, 10:30AM-4PM:** Act on recommendations from EAG, including draft factor/metric weighting framework.
- **FAMET, 11/10/14, 9AM- Noon:** Continued discussion of model, possible adjustments.
- **EAG, 11/12/14, 8-10AM:** Continued discussion of model, possible adjustments.
- **FAMET, 11/19/14, 1-4PM:** Final discussion of model, possible adjustments. Adopt final recommendations to forward to EAG for the funding allocation model.
- **EAG 11/21/14, 1-4PM:** Final discussion of model and possible adjustments, and action on FAMET recommendations. Adopt final recommendations to forward to CCE for the funding allocation model.

DECEMBER 2014

- **CCE, 12/4/14, 10:30AM-4PM:** Act on recommendations from EAG, adopt the “CCE Approved Funding Allocation Model”.
- **Project Deadline for Final Model, 12/5/14:** In preparation of JBC Hearings, Smart Act Hearings, and presentations before the House and Senate Education Committees.
- **EAG, 12/10/14, 10:30AM-12:30PM:** Final EAG meeting and project wrap-up.

Note that **all FAMET, EAG and Cost Driver Analysis Team meetings** will be held in the CDHE offices at **1560 Broadway, Suite 1600, Denver**. The following conference call number will be used for members of the public to call in: (877) 820-7831, Participant 215368#

The next two **CCE Meetings** will be held as follows:

- November 2014 – Colorado State University, 102 Administration Bldg., Fort Collins
- December 2014 – Community College of Denver, 800 Curtis Street, Confluence Building, Denver

The following conference call number will be used at the CCE meetings for members of the public to call in: (877) 820-7831, Participant 128479#.

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Please note the project website, within which all things 1319 will be listed: *meeting dates/times/materials, expert team membership lists, and additional resources*. Please bookmark this link and check it regularly.

<http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/default.html>