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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment****Monday, November 17, 2023****1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | <https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/89626161291?pwd=ZmltR0FVK0MzdmFsa2JQSW1Vbmt0QT09>Meeting ID: 896 2616 1291Passcode: 736295 |
| Meeting Participants | CCHE SS&AA Standing Committee |
| Meeting Objectives | Discuss student success and academic affairs topics in Colorado to advance practices and policies |

**A = in attendance, E = excused absence, N = not in attendance**

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| **ATTENDANCE** |
| **Commissioners & Advisors** |
| Chair Berrick Abramson | A | Eric Tucker | A | Josh Scott | N | Sarah Hughes | N |
| Colleen O’Neil | N | Mark Cavanaugh | N | Jim Wilson | A | Lisandra Gonzales | N |
| Landon Pirius | N | Ana Cristina Temu | N | Melinda Piket-May | A | Jennifer Walmer | N |
| **CDHE Staff** |
| Kim Poast | A | Carl Einhaus | E | Chris Rasmussen | A | Christina Carrillo | A |
| Heather DeLange |  | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Ruthanne Orihuela | A | Beverly Jones | A | Peter Fritz | A | Renee Welch | A |
| Maddy Oaks | A | Allana Farley | A | Jack Wolflink |  | Emily Millican | A |
| Gillian McKnight-Tutein | A | Sophia Laderman | A |  |  |  |  |
| **Guests** |
| Misti Ruthven | A | Erica Buckland Anderson | A | Shaun Schafer | A | Shannon Donnelly | A |
| Kathi Gray | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

1:05 p.m. Approve notes from October meeting

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

No quorum was present – notes for May and October will need to be approved at the next meeting where a quorum is present.

1:10 p.m. Strategy discussion/[1330 recommendations](https://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/Reports/Legislative/1330/2021_SSWR_Task_Force_Report.pdf)

* Presentation: Stackable Credential Pathways: Six Proposed for Approval (Attachment: “Agenda Item III B…”)

*Ruthanne Orihuela, Director of Credential Pathways and Prior Learning Initiatives*

Ruthanne and her team – Allana Farley, Emily Millican, and Maddy Oaks – provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in December – staff is recommending the approval of the first six of ten stackable credential pathways across three of five high value industries. Ruthanne and team reviewed the visual representations of each pathway in the behavioral health, cybersecurity, and education industries.

No quorum was available; therefore, a recommendation was made to forward this agenda item to the full Commission for consideration as a Discussion item.

* Discussion on last month’s presentation: Re-engaging adult learners and the “some college/no degree” population *(*[*link to PowerPoint presentation*](https://dhestatecous-my.sharepoint.com/%3Ap%3A/g/personal/ceinhaus_dhe_state_co_us/EVKmsTk0WC9BujCsd43PtWoB9bOOyurGNmzPZuyxglJTBw?e=TqfVHF)*)*

Peter provided an update on the Colorado Re-Engage (CORE) initiative – CU Denver has identified 70 students who are eligible for an associate degree under this program and will be hosting a graduation ceremony for those students next week.

Peter also discussed the key supports that have been identified as the most important to the SCND population: money (e.g., financial aid and scholarships); credit for prior learning; easily accessible information; tailored programs and services; professionally trained advisors who understand their specific needs; and support from employers in the form of money (e.g., scholarships, tuition assistance, etc.) or flexible schedules.

1:35 p.m. Compelling discussion on informational items

* Approval of Cannabis-Related Certificates at MSU Denver (Attachment: “Cannabis Rejoinder…”)

*Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation*

Chris provided an overview of an agenda item that will appear before the Commission in December – staff is recommending the approval of two cannabis-related certificates in the hospitality field at MSU Denver. Chris reminded Commissioners of [CCHE Policy Section I, Part V](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/sites/highered/files/documents/SECTION%20I%20-%20Part%20V%20-%20%20Revised%2007-28-2023.pdf), which discusses the Commission’s purview over cannabis-related programs. He informed Commissioners and Advisors that after consulting with the Institute of Cannabis Research (ICR) and receiving suggested feedback for areas for improvement, MSU Denver responded, which is the rejoinder that was provided earlier. Chris invited guests from MSU Denver to answer questions from Commissioners and/or Advisors.

No quorum was available; therefore, a recommendation was made to forward this agenda item to the full Commission for consideration as a Consent item.

* SB 23-005- Approval of Grants for Forestry and Wildlife Mitigation Program Creation and Expansion (no attachment)

*Kim Poast*

Kim provided an overview of an agenda item that will be “hand carried” to the Commission in December – staff is recommending the approval of six grants for forestry and wildfire mitigation program creation and/or expansions.

No quorum was available; therefore, a recommendation was made to forward this agenda item to the full Commission for consideration as a Consent item.

* + [HB 1215](https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/secondary_postsecondary_and_work-based_learning_integration_task_force) “Big Blur” report will be released early December – summary to come next meeting

Next meeting date: Monday, January 22, 2024

**ACTION ITEMS**

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