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| **Meeting** | **CCHE Standing Committee on Student Success & Workforce Alignment****Monday, October 16, 2023****1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** |
| Location | Remote only |
| Zoom Information | <https://highered-colorado-gov.zoom.us/j/89978396270?pwd=WXNHSkJQbit6VWVpNC8ybFBML2Z2Zz09>Meeting ID: 899 7839 6270Passcode: 025488 |
| 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 | N | Josh Scott | N | Sarah Hughes | N |
| Colleen O’Neil | A | Mark Cavanaugh | N | Jim Wilson | A |  |  |
| Landon Pirius | N | Ana Cristina Temu | N | Melinda Piket-May | A | Jennifer Walmer | N |
| Lisandra Gonzales | N |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CDHE Staff** |
| Kim Poast |  | Carl Einhaus | A | Chris Rasmussen | A | Christina Carrillo | A |
| Heather DeLange | A | Sam Fogleman |  | Cynthia Armendariz |  | Angie Paccione |  |
| Ruthanne Orihuela |  | Beverly Jones |  | Peter Fritz | A | Renee Welch | A |
| Maddy Oaks | A | Allana Farley | A | Jack Wolflink |  | Emily Millican | A |
| **Guests** |
| Terry Anderson | A | Bryanna Ostoyich | A | Nancy Matchett  | A | Katrina Einhellig | A |
| David Oehler | A | Ally Garcia | A | Melissa Henry | A | Kamal Hadded | A |
| Kirsty Fleming | A |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**AGENDA**

1:00 p.m. Greetings and Introductions

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

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

 *Berrick Abramson, Committee Chair*

No quorum was present – notes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

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

* 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 Fritz, Director of Student Transitions and Degree*

*Completion Initiatives, CDHE*

Peter presented on serving Colorado’s “some college, no degree” (SCND) population – he discussed key demographics and attributes of the SCND population, provided data on CO’s SCND population, discussed possible ways to re-engage students and provided promising best practices.

* Discussion on last month’s presentation: Ed prep and the interstate compact on teacher licensure – and federal regulations on gainful employment

Did not have time for this discussion

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

* Discussion on Aims Community College RN-BSN program approval (*attachment to come…)*

*Chris Rasmussen, Senior Director of Academic Pathways and Innovation and representatives from Aims and UNC*

Chris provided a brief overview 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 BSN programs at Aims Community College (Aims). After receiving feedback during its 30-day public comment period, Department staff heard concerns from the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) that the Aims RN-BSN program as proposed could potentially have a negative impact on the BSN program at UNC.

Commissioner Abramson invited staff from Aims to discuss and describe the intention of their RN-BSN program and what would make the program sufficiently distinguishable and non-duplicative to the program at UNC. Terry Anderson, Dean, Allied Health and Wellness, and Katrina Einhellig, Director, Nursing Education Program, noted the Aims RN-BSN is not a traditional RN-BSN program. They noted approximately 24-26 students are enrolled in the dual enrollment program with UNC, which would effectively allow those students to continue and complete their BSN with Aims should this proposal be approved.

Kirsty Fleming, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at UNC, noted the institution’s BSN program would essentially close if it were to lose 24-26 students from Aims. The main concerns for UNC are a desire to continue to collaborate; a cost versus cost effectiveness issue; and program duplication.

There was discussion about the potential cost savings for Aims students if they could complete the BSN at Aims, given current partnership agreements on registration and tuition and federal rules that prohibit a student receiving federal financial aid from more than one institution.

* + Recommendations for Renewal (*attachments II C & D*):
		- * + CCHE Agenda Item IID- Degree Authorization Recommendation for Renewal of Provisional Authorization, Grand Canyon University
				+ Agenda Item IIC – Degree Authorization Renewal Colorado Technical University

*Heather DeLange, Director, Office of Private Postsecondary Education*

Heather provided an overview of two agenda items that will appear before the Commission in October – staff is recommending the approval of the renewal of full authorization for Colorado Technical University; and the approval of the provisional authorization for Grand Canyon University (GCU) to offer its Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN). GCU is in the process of applying for approval for its nursing program through the Colorado State Board of Nursing. No quorum was available; therefore, a recommendation was made to forward these agenda items to the full commission for consideration.

Next meeting date: Monday, Nov 27

**ACTION ITEMS**

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