

Colorado Statewide Strategic Plan

In February, the CCHE embarked on a strategic planning process to develop a new statewide plan for higher education. The Strategic Plan is:

- **A Guiding Vision:** Encourages alignment around key statewide goals and metrics
- **A Policy Framework:** Provides a vision and blueprint for the Commission's policy actions and institutions' approaches.
- **A Commitment:** Makes a commitment to pursue policies that are learner-centered and will make Colorado's postsecondary ecosystem the best it can be.

The Approach

Led by Commission Working Group

- Working Group meets every week, all meetings posted and public
- Started with Colorado Rises (2017 Master Plan) and 1330 Task Force Report

Collaborative

- Working group seeking stakeholder feedback throughout the process through existing meetings and identified circles

The Process

Objectives

2 weeks

@ Feb 23 – March 4

Drivers

6 weeks

@ March 7 – April 15

Measures

7 weeks

@ April 18 – June 3

Goals

2 weeks

@ June 6 – June 17th

Driving Questions:

If we were to have the best post secondary ecosystem in the country by 2030 what would that mean?

Driving Questions:

What are the key factors which enable progress toward the objective(s)?

Driving Questions:

How will we know if we are making improvements in the drivers identified?

Driving Questions:

What specific numeric value/s should we aspire to achieve/reach 5 years from now?

Goal: Working draft by August, published by end of year (hopefully sooner)

Draft Objectives

Colorado will drive change to create a learner-centered postsecondary ecosystem that:

- Supports all learners throughout their lifetimes, enabling seamless movement among K-12, postsecondary education, and work through a diversity of learning pathways and credentials, including but not limited to certificates and degrees.
- Enables access to enhanced professional opportunities and therefore delivers an attractive return on investment.
- Drives the economic vitality of the state and a healthy democracy by preparing an educated and engaged citizenry.
- Rises to the challenge of meeting the needs of all learners acknowledging race, ethnicity, geography, income status, parents' education level, age, sexual orientation, and other background characteristics.

Next Steps

The Working Group will continue to hear and take feedback on objectives, will shift focus to Drivers (objectives will evolve with “drivers” discussion):

- What are the key factors which enable progress toward the objective(s)?
- Which of these factors are largely within the span of control of our key stakeholders?

Learning Session confirmed for March 17, 8-9am. Invites sent out. We encourage all to attend.

Please visit CDHE website for updates and provide feedback:

<https://higherred.colorado.gov/about-cche/2022-higher-education-strategic-plan-process>