

**TOPIC: BRIEFING ON COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY PUBLIC
 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTHERN
 COLORADO**

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I. SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

At the Commission's October meeting at the University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, Chancellor Pam Shockley mentioned the collaborative efforts in the south-eastern part of the state among several post-secondary institutions. She indicated that these institutions would welcome the opportunity to brief the Commission about this work in more detail.

The leaders of southern Colorado's public two- and four-year educational institutions will describe collaboration with each other, with their host communities, and with K-12 educators. Leadership from Trinidad State Junior College, Otero Junior College, Lamar Community College, Pueblo Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, Adams State College, Colorado State University-Pueblo, and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs will discuss their collective desire to increase access to higher education in Southern Colorado with particular emphasis on increasing enrollment of under-represented students.

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