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To: CCHE

Fr: Rico Munn, Executive Director

Re: Workplan proposal

Date: December 3, 2009

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The Colorado Commission on Higher Education (“CCHE”) has a variety of duties and powers set forth throughout Article 23, Part 1 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. A summary, as presented to you at your August 6, 2009 retreat, is attached for your reference.

To my knowledge, the CCHE does not have a defined workplan to accomplish its various policy duties. Meaning, the CCHE is currently operating in a reactive mode instead of pursuing policy goals. In recent years legislative changes and CCHE policies have given the CCHE the time and flexibility to pursue higher education policy issues instead of conducting time intensive program approvals, reviews, etc.

Given this flexibility, the CCHE may want to consider crafting a workplan based around its policy interests. Such a workplan can alert and engage stakeholders to the issues identified as key by the CCHE. Elements of a workplan might broadly include specific policy goals and a timeline for making decisions.

To the extent the CCHE has an interest in such a process, the Department staff can make proposals for populating that workplan. Department proposals would be based upon interests identified by the CCHE; significant current issues in higher education; and, the performance of duties already defined by statute.