TOPIC: MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Commission, members of the CCHE advisory board, and the public concerning the status of the Commission's Master Plan and performance contracts process.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Request for Comments from Campus CEOs and Governing Boards On August 26, 2012, then Chairmen Percy prepared and submitted a letter to each CEO and governing board. In his letter, Commissioner Percy shared a draft copy of the complete CCHE Master Plan and invited comments from each governing board. In compliance with state law, each governing board was given 30 days to respond to the draft. On or before September 26, 2012, the Department of Higher Education received comments from the following institutions or governing boards:

- Colorado Community College System,
- University of Northern Colorado,
- Western State Colorado University, and
- University of Colorado.

Copies of these letters are available in Appendix A of this agenda item.

In general, feedback from the campuses/governing boards was strongly supportive of the Commission's decision to remove specific metrics from the Master Plan and including them in each institution's performance contract. The campuses also expressed appreciation for the open and collaborative process that went into developing the plan.

The Colorado Community College System and the University of Colorado both offered specific suggestions for improving the master plan and performance contract process, which will be discussed at the October 4, 2012 CCHE meeting. Of particular note, however, the University of Colorado reiterated that the postsecondary system in Colorado has sustained significant reductions in public resources over the past decade and yet has continued to be one of the most productive systems in the nation and urged the Commission to keep this in mind as it enters the performance contract process.

Introduction of the Performance Contract Process On September 27, 2012, Chairman Kaufman and Vice-chairman Pacey prepared and submitted letters to each of the governing boards of state colleges and universities in Colorado. These letters were intended to inform the governing boards of the proposed performance contract process that was discussed by the Commission during its September 2012 meeting at Adams State University. Included in these letters were the following documents (examples of which are available in Appendix B of this agenda item): a proposed performance contract, as prepared by the Colorado Office of the Attorney General, and a proposed "performance worksheet." These letters also shared information concerning the CCHE "liaisons" assigned to each governing board (see the table below) and outlined a process for discussing and completing the performance contract process as is required by state law.

Governing Board

Adams State University Aims Community College Colorado Community College System Colorado Mesa University Colorado Mountain College Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Fort Lewis College Metropolitan State University of Denver University of Colorado University of Northern Colorado Western State Colorado University

Liaisons

Happy Haynes, Jeanette Garcia
Dick Kaufman, Jim Polsfut
Patty Pacey, Hereford Percy
Larry Beckner, Gina Rodriguez
Dick Kaufman, Larry Beckner
Patty Pacey, B.J. Scott
Monte Moses, Hereford Percy
Jeanette Garcia, Hereford Percy
Happy Haynes, B.J. Scott
Patty Pacey, Gina Rodriguez
Jim Polsfut, Happy Haynes
Jim Polsfut, B.J. Scott

According to the letter shared with governing boards on September 27, 2012, the Commission requests feedback from each governing board concerning the proposed performance contract as well as the performance contract indicators, as appearing in the performance worksheet. In addition, the Commission invited each institution to prepare their own performance indicators for the four goals adopted by the Commission in early 2012. Each institution has been requested to submit this feedback to the Department on or before Friday, October 26. Comments and proposed and indicators received by October 26, 2012 will be shared with and discussed by the Commission at its November 1, 2012 meeting, which will take place at Regis University in Denver. At its December 2, 2012 meeting, the Commission plans to discuss the final performance contracts.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation. For information purpose only.

V. <u>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</u>

Appendix A: Responses to requests for comment from the Colorado Community

College System, the University of Northern Colorado, Western State

Colorado University, and the University of Colorado.

Appendix B: Letter to governing boards dated September 27, 2012; draft version of the

CCHE's performance contract; draft version of the CCHE's performance

worksheet.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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