



PROJECT 14-1319 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

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TO: CCHE Commissioners & Advisory Members
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RE: Project Update

This bi-weekly update is intended to keep the Commissioners and advisory members of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education informed about the activities and progress of the HB 14-1319 Project. A complete update will also be provided at each Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly at (303) 866-4030 or Kachina.Weaver@dhe.state.co.us.

PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUTREACH TEAM

Webpage: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/OutreachPage.html>

Key informants interviews have concluded, and the facilitator guide and regional meeting structure were created based off of these interviews.

Regional Outreach Meetings have begun. Durango (23 attendees), Gunnison (23 attendees), and Grand Junction (20 attendees) were this week and we look forward to the first reports coming in from these meetings. The attendance numbers for the meetings are in line with what was projected by Keystone and Engaged Public for the more rural locations – between 15 and 25 people, urban locations could attract as many as 50 people.

There are 15 additional meetings being held across the state in the following locations:

- Alamosa
- Boulder
- Colorado Springs
- Craig
- Denver - Aurora/East Metro
- Denver - Downtown/Central Metro
- Denver - Golden/West Metro
- Denver - Littleton/South Metro

- Ft. Collins
- Glenwood Springs
- Greeley
- La Junta
- Pueblo
- Sterling
- Trinidad

The most up-to-date schedule of dates and times can be found on the following website:

<https://www.keystone.org/component/content/article/150-science-a-public-policy/education-policy/476-higher-education-funding-public-meetings.html>

Information and advertising of the regional meetings has been done as follows:

- CDHE Press Release (institutions have been using this to formulate their own press releases for their regions);
- Keystone/Engaged sent invitations to institutional leaders, Club 20, Progressive 15, Action 22, alumni associations, county commissioners, networks offered from key informants, Colorado Office of Economic Development blueprint list, Colorado PTA, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado Association of School Boards, Colorado Adult Education Professionals Association, workforce centers and local members, chambers of commerce, state legislators, students associations, Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry, Colorado Municipal League, Colorado Counties Incorporated, Padres Unidos, United Way Mile High, and Colorado Forum;
- CDHE notified CCE commissioners, CCE Advisors, members of the Executive Advisory Group, members of the project expert teams, Colorado Education Association, Colorado Association of School Executives, Colorado Association of School Boards, the project “interested parties”, institutional chief executive officers, institutional chief financial officers, campus communication officers, academic council members, and the data advisory group;
- Members of the Outreach Team each notified their constituencies – parents, faculty, provosts, students, business leaders, institutions, and non-profit organizations;
- The Bell Policy Center sent out a statewide announcement; and,
- We have asked each person receiving the invitation to send it out to their contacts.

While there has been some duplication of contacts, we believed that would help to emphasize the importance of the meetings.

COST DRIVER ANALYSIS TEAM

Webpage: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/CostDriverPage.html>

The Cost Driver Analysis Team had their first meeting on Wednesday, August 27th. This was an organizational meeting – identifying the purpose of this undertaking, understanding roles and responsibilities of the group, and establishing meeting dates/times. NCHEMS provided a PowerPoint from which the discussion about the pieces and parts can launch.

The next meeting of this team is scheduled for September 23rd from 1-4pm in the CDHE Offices.

FUNDING ALLOCATION MODELING TEAM

Webpage: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/ModelingPage.html>

The Funding Allocation Modeling Team (FAMET) held their first meeting on Friday, September 5th and made significant progress in working through the definitions and data sources for the model factors and metrics.

For discussion purposes, Beth Bean provided the EAG with an update and walk through of what was discussed by the FAMET and the issues that arose during their meeting, along with an understanding of those issues still to be resolved.

1. The FAMET met again on September 18th and finished their work on making recommendations for the definitions and data sources. Consensus was achieved on almost all of these, with the exception of: "Number of Campuses" - all agreed to a count based off of the HLC definition, 1 member wanted to use SURDS;
2. "Low Student Enrollment" – all agreed to use the annual FTE from SURDS, 1 member was undecided until they could better understand the ramifications; and,
3. The final issue was the use of non-residents in the counts – 6 members agreed to include all students in all counts with the exception of "Pell Eligible" under Role & Mission, 2 members were undecided, 3 opposed this.

The recommendations that have come from this meeting will be forwarded to the EAG for action during the September 24th EAG meeting.

The next step for the FAMET will be working through the weighting discussion for these metrics and factors and be prepared to provide the EAG with preliminary information for discussion at the EAG's upcoming conference calls on October 9th and 17th, and be prepared to have final recommendations on these weights for the action at the EAG's October 23rd in-person meeting. The next FAMET meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th from 1-4pm in the CDHE offices.

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)

Webpage: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/EAGPage.html>

The EAG last met September 11th via conference call. The meeting began with an update from the Outreach Team and the Cost Driver Team. For discussion purposes, Beth Bean then provided the EAG with an update and walk through of what was discussed by the FAMET and the issues that arose during that meeting, along with an outline of the issues still to be resolved. The EAG had a very engaged discussion about these issues and provided staff with some preliminary feedback.

The next EAG meeting is scheduled for September 24th, from 1:30-4:30pm in person. The primary agenda item for this meeting will be acting on the recommendations coming from the FAMET on the definitions and data sources for the factors and metrics. The EAG recommendations will be presented to the CCHHE for action on October 2, 2014.

During the October 9th and 17th conference call meetings, the EAG will receive an update on the status of the FAMET discussion regarding the weighting of the factors and metrics and have their own preliminary discussion on these issues. The EAG will then take action on the FAMET recommendations on the weighting of the factors and metrics at the EAG's October 23rd in-person meeting.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **EAG, 9/24/14:** Adopt recommendations to forward to CCHE for factor/metric definitions and data sources.
- **CCHE, 10/2/14:** Decision on factor/metric definitions and data sources.
- **EAG, 10/9/14** and **10/17/14:** Preliminary discussion on recommendations to forward to CCHE for factor/metric weighting.
- **EAG, 10/23/14:** Adopt recommendations to forward to CCHE for factor/metric weighting.
- **Delivery of Draft Model** to General Assembly, by **11/1/14**
- **CCHE, 11/6/14:** Decision on factor/metric weighting.
- **EAG, 11/12/14:** Continued discussion of model, possible adjustments.
- **CCHE, 12/4/14:** Final action on model.
- **Project Deadline for Final Model, 12/5/14:** In preparation of JBC Hearings, Smart Act Hearings, and presentations before the House and Senate Education Committees.
- **EAG, 12/10/14:** Final EAG meeting and project wrap-up.

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Please note the project website, within which all things 1319 will be listed: *meeting dates/times/materials, expert team membership lists, and additional resources.*

Please bookmark this link and check it regularly.

<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Publications/General/1319/default.html>