Agenda

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 – 8:45 am  Networking Breakfast  
Residence Inn
Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:45 – 9:00 am  Welcoming Remarks  
SHEPC Learning Center
Speaker: Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

9:00 – 10:00 am  CACG Programs in the Network States: Program Activities  
SHEPC Learning Center
Network members will engage in a facilitated discussion focused on the activities they are implementing as part of their CACG programs.

Facilitator: Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

10:00 – 10:15 am  Break

10:15 – 10:45 am  Technology and Access: 21st Century Student Support  
SHEPC Learning Center
Harnessing new technology to increase college access and improve student success is a daunting challenge. With new devices and software rolling out constantly, it is difficult to tell whether today’s Twitter will be the equivalent of yesterday’s AskJeeves. Still technological innovations hold promise for better serving students. The iMentor platform – which has received funding from Lumina Foundation as part of its Next Generation of Student Supports program – looks to harness technology to improve student mentoring programs, ultimately increasing student access and success.

Moderator: Carl Krueger, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Speaker: Tarika Barrett, chief program officer, iMentor

10:45 – 11:15 am  Facilitated Discussion: 21st Century Student Support  
SHEPC Learning Center
Facilitator: Carl Krueger, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
11:15 am – noon
SHEPC Learning Center

**What’s Coming Next? Networking and Sustainability**
Even with uncertainty surrounding the future of the CACG program at both the national and state levels, future college access work will still benefit from collaboration, networking, and cooperation. This facilitated discussion will examine the federal landscape surrounding college access and success, grant sustainability, and interstate collaboration.

*Facilitator:*
Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

Noon – 1:00 pm
SHEPC Learning Center

**Lunch**
Continue discussions about the morning sessions with CACG Network colleagues over lunch.

1:00 – 1:45 pm
SHEPC Learning Center

**Dual and Concurrent Enrollment: The Next Generation**
While most states have had dual and concurrent enrollment programs for years, there are still ways to improve these programs, in terms of both content and delivery. Programs across the country are finding innovative new strategies to improve their outcomes with data-driven analysis. This session will examine some of the challenges and potentially successful strategies for continuing to improve dual credit offerings.

*Moderator:*
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speakers:*
Adam Lowe, executive secretary, *National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships*
Tamara White, director of admission and access policy, *Colorado Department of Higher Education*

1:45 – 2:15 pm
SHEPC Learning Center

**Facilitated Discussion: Dual and Concurrent Enrollment**

*Facilitator:*
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

2:15 – 2:45 pm
SHEPC Learning Center

**Reimagining Developmental Education**
Developmental courses can be a significant barrier to college success for low-income students. Major national initiatives are examining ways to reinvent developmental education to increase student learning and success rates not just in the course itself, but in obtaining a college credential. Promising strategies from this national work can assist CACG projects in identifying potential pathways for future access and success work.

*Moderator:*
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*
Michael Collins, associate vice president, postsecondary state policy, *Jobs for the Future*
2:45 – 3:15 pm
Facilitated Discussion: Reimagining Developmental Education
SHEPC Learning Center
Facilitator:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

3:15 – 3:30 pm
Break

3:30 – 4:00 pm
Linking Postsecondary Success and Careers
SHEPC Learning Center
Postsecondary education does not have to be viewed solely as a career training program to recognize that a postsecondary credential ought to prepare graduates to be effective employees in the workforce. Developing effective partnerships with the private and workforce sectors can be an effective strategy to increase access and success for low-income students. Further, these types of partnerships can increase the sustainability of state-led access efforts. This session highlights one such partnership.

Facilitator:
Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Speaker:
Raquel Velez DeGroot, project director, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning

4:00 – 4:30 pm
Facilitated Discussion: Linking Postsecondary Success and Careers
SHEPC Learning Center
Facilitator:
Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

6:30 pm
Optional Group Dinner
BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse
Join your CACG Network Colleagues for an optional dinner to continue discussions from the day’s sessions.

Wednesday, June 19

8:00 – 8:45 am
Networking Breakfast
Residence Inn
Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:45 – 9:15 am
Building Bridges: Engaging Legislative Leaders
SHEPC Learning Center
State legislators are key partners in any large-scale effort to increase access and success for low-income students. Many CACG programs have sought to engage legislative leaders on the issue and build support for CACG-related programs. This session examines general principles for communicating with legislators and specific strategies that have proven successful among state programs.

Moderator:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Speakers:
Michelle Exstrom, program principal, National Conference of State Legislatures
Tom Massey, former state representative, Colorado Legislature
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| 9:45 – 10:15 am    | Future Partners: City-focused Strategies for Access and Success       | SHEPC Learning Center | Clearly college access and success is important to a huge variety of stakeholders beyond just state higher education agencies. Increasingly, mayors are focusing on how city governments can become productive partners in efforts to increase college access and success, particularly for low-income residents. The University of Utah and Salt Lake City have partnered to develop an innovative program to serve low-income residents, highlighting another potential partnership that can improve program effectiveness and increase sustainability.  
  
  **Moderator:** Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*  
  
  **Speaker:** Rosemarie Hunter, special assistant to the president for campus community partnerships and director of University Neighborhood Partners, *University of Utah* |
| 10:15 – 10:45 am   | Facilitated Discussion: City-focused Strategies for Access and Success | SHEPC Learning Center | Facilitator: Patrick Lane, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*                                    |
| 10:45 – 11:00 am   | Break                                                                |                     |                                                                                                                                         |
| 11:00 – 11:30 am   | A Giant Leap for Student-kind: New Models for College Completion      | SHEPC Learning Center | In 2011, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded a major effort to find a “breakthrough” that drastically reduces college costs and increases college completion. The Kaleidoscope project – which recently received a second round of Gates funding to continue its work – has focused on using Open Educational Resources to provide reduce costs and increase persistence in general education courses at eight California institutions.  
  
  **Moderator:** Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*  
  
  **Speaker:** Kim Thanos, co-founder and ceo, *Lumen Learning* |
| 11:30 am – noon    | Facilitated Discussion: New Models for College Completion             | SHEPC Learning Center | Facilitator: Carl Krueger, project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*                                    |
| Noon               | Adjournment and Optional Lunch                                       | Boulder Beer Brewery | If your travel schedule permits, please join us for an informal lunch near the WICHE offices at the conclusion of the meeting.            |