AGENDA

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

8:00 – 8:45 am
Networking Breakfast
Three Palms Café
Participants are encouraged to take advantage of the hotel’s complimentary full breakfast.

8:45 – 9:00 am
Welcoming Remarks and Introductions
Flamingo I
Speaker:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

9:00 – 9:15 am
What is the CACG Network?
Flamingo I
With several new states joining the WICHE’s College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) Network, this session will provide an overview of how the network operates and works to serve member states.

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

9:15 – 10:45 am
CACG Programs in the Network States
Flamingo I
This facilitated discussion will highlight the work of CACG programs in the Network states. Project leaders will join an interactive discussion focused on important issues and challenges facing college access and success programs in their states.

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

Speakers:
Lora Jorgensen, director of outreach and early awareness, Alaska Commission for Postsecondary Education
Dana Kelly, manager, student affairs programs, Office of the Idaho State Board of Education
Edith Fernandez, director, college access programs, Nevada System of Higher Education
Judy Loredo, assistant commissioner for P-16, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Melissa Miller Kincart, assistant commissioner, access and outreach, Utah System of Higher Education
Weiya Liang, director, GEAR UP, Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board
Becky Vinzant, assistant to the vice president of student affairs, University of Wyoming
10:45 – 11:00 am  
**Break**

11:00 – 11:30 am  
*Statewide College Access Networks: What Works, What Doesn’t?*

With many states working to develop formal statewide college access networks, and others trying to establish informal collaborative relationships with other organizations within the state, this session will present lessons learned from Ohio, which has developed a successful model.

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

**Speaker:**  
Reginald Wilkinson, president and ceo, Ohio College Access Network

11:30 am – 12:15 pm  
*Facilitated Discussion: Collaborative Statewide Access Networks*

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

12:15 – 1:15 pm  
**Lunch**

1:15 – 1:45 pm  
*College Access in the Broader Context*

As states look to expand and create sustainable access programs, CACG is becoming part of a broader conversation between state directors, cities, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. The session will highlight this wider focus on college access and how statewide networks can help pave the way for greater student success, particularly among low-income students.

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

**Speaker:**  
Greg Darnieder, special assistant and advisor to the secretary on the secretary’s initiative on college access, *US Department of Education* (via telephone)

1:45 – 2:15 pm  
*Facilitated Discussion: College Access and Success Beyond the CACG*

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

2:15 – 2:30 pm  
**Break**
2:30 – 3:00 pm  
*Flamingo I*

**Using Data Models to Track Access and Success**
This session will present conclusions from longitudinal data on the progression and retention of low income students as they move through the education system. Additionally, speakers will showcase different models that have helped states and institutions better analyze leakage points in the educational pipeline, particularly for underrepresented students.

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

Speakers:
*Magdalena Martinez*, assistant vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, *Nevada System of Higher Education*  
*Sandra Luca*, project specialist, *University of Southern California Center for Urban Education*  
*Brandi Van Horn*, policy analyst, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

3:00 – 3:45 pm  
*Flamingo I*

**Facilitated Discussion: Tracking Access and Success in State Programs**

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

3:45 – 4:30 pm  
*Flamingo I*

**Technical Issues of the CACG Program**
During this session, participants will review and comment on the network white paper illustrating technical issues that cause challenges for program implementation.

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

6:30 pm  
(Meet in hotel lobby)

**Optional Group Dinner**
WICHE will host meeting participants at a nearby restaurant for an optional dinner.

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*Flamingo I*

**Lessons from Down South: Proven Modules for Training Guidance Counselors**
The Southern Regional Education Board Counselor training modules offer an effective means to build capacity to better serve low-income students. This session will present the modules and describe how several states have used them to improve college access and success for low-income students.

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

Speaker:
Alice Anne Bailey, project coordinator, *Southern Regional Education Board Go Alliance*
9:15 – 10:00 am
Facilitated Discussion: Guidance Counselor Training
Facilitator:
Carl Krueger, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

10:00 – 10:15 am
Break and Hotel Check-out

10:15 – 10:45 am
Access and Success Issues for Low-Income Adult Students
Several states have targeted non-traditional students in addition to focusing on the traditional high school-to-college pipeline. This session will provide an overview of these activities.
Moderator:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education
Speakers:
Debbie Blanke, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
Nina Wright, director of development, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

10:45 – 11:15 am
Facilitated Discussion: Adult Students
Facilitator:
Demarée Michelau, director of policy analysis, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Open Discussion: CACG Network
This session will provide the opportunity for state partners to discuss the future of the CACG Network and set a course of action for the coming year.
Facilitator:
Patrick Lane, project coordinator, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

12:00 pm
Lunch and Adjournment
Following the meeting, WICHE staff will host participants for an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant. Box lunches will be available for those who are not able to attend.