## Agenda

### Wednesday, January 29

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**College Access Networks: From Plan to Action**  
Parleys I and II

Michigan has facilitated the development of a broad statewide network comprised of key stakeholders and representatives from local organizations focused on college access. Learn more about this network and how it has emphasized sustainability even as the state lost CACG funding due to maintenance-of-effort requirements.

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

*Speaker:*
Ryan Fewins-Bliss, assistant director for network development, *Michigan College Access Network*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm  
**Facilitated Discussion – College Access Networks: From Plan to Action**  
Parleys I and II

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

12:00 – 1:00 pm  
**Lunch**  
Millcreek

Continue discussions about the morning sessions with colleagues over lunch.

1:00 – 1:20 pm  
**State Sustainability Report: North Dakota**  
Parleys I and II

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

*Moderator:*
Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*
Wally Erhardt, director, BND College Planning Center, *Bank of North Dakota*

1:20 – 1:45 pm  
**Sustainability Discussion: North Dakota**  
Parleys I and II

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

*Facilitator:*
Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

1:45 – 2:15 pm  
**Bridging Barriers: SREB’s Readiness Courses**  
Parleys I and II

“Gateway” courses can be an impediment to college success for students unprepared for college-level learning. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) has worked with states to offer students math and English courses designed to help them develop the skills in reading, writing, and math that are necessary for college and career success.

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

*Speaker:*
Megan Root, senior project and policy associate, *Southern Regional Education Board*
2:15 – 3:00 pm  
**Facilitated Discussion – Bridging Barriers: SREB’s Readiness Courses**

*Parleys I and II*

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

3:00 – 3:15 pm  
**Break**

3:15 – 3:35 pm  
**State Sustainability Report: Utah**

*Parleys I and II*

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

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

**Speaker:**
Melissa Miller Kincart, assistant commissioner, outreach and access, *Utah System of Higher Education*

3:35 – 4:00 pm  
**Sustainability Discussion: Utah**

*Parleys I and II*

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

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

6:00 pm  
**Optional Group Dinner**

*Hotel Lobby*

Join your colleagues for an optional dinner at *Benihana* to continue discussions from the day’s sessions.

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**Thursday, January 30**

8:00 – 8:30 am  
**Networking Breakfast**

*Parleys Foyer*

Join your CACG colleagues for a full breakfast prior to the meeting.

8:30 – 8:50 am  
**State Sustainability Report: Idaho**

*Parleys I and II*

Each state team will have the opportunity to make a 15-20 minute formal presentation about the future of its program, including the current steps to sustain project activities and remaining challenges.

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

**Speaker:**
Jessica Piper, CACG program director, *Idaho Board of Education*
8:50 – 9:15 am  **Sustainability Discussion: Idaho**  
*Parleys I and II*

Meeting participants will react to the state presentation and offer feedback about the remaining challenges and sustainability plans.

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

9:15 – 9:45 am  **Starting Strong: First Year Success**  
*Parleys I and II*

The Metropolitan State University of Denver has developed an intensive first year support program to help students overcome the initial barriers to degree completion and assist them in developing the skills necessary to navigate postsecondary education. This session will focus on the strategies employed by MSU Denver and how the effort has impacted students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds.

*Moderator:*  
Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

*Speaker:*  
Sandra Posey, director, learning communities and first year success, *Metropolitan State University of Denver*

9:45 – 10:30 am  **Facilitated Discussion – Starting Strong: First Year Success**  
*Parleys I and II*

*Facilitator:*  
Patrick Lane, senior policy analyst and project coordinator, *Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

10:30 – 10:45 am  **Break**

10:45 – 11:15 am  **Coalition Building for Sustainability: Lessons from California**  
*Parleys I and II*

In the face of significant state fiscal challenges, the Campaign for College Opportunity built an organization that continues to advocate for improved college access and success for all students. The work that this organization does can be applied to efforts to sustain grant activities previously funded under the CACG program.

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

*Speaker:*  
Kim Tran, policy director, *Campaign for College Opportunity*

11:15 am – 12:00 pm  **Facilitated Discussion – Coalition Building for Sustainability: Lessons from California**  
*Parleys I and II*

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

12:00 pm  **Adjournment and Optional Lunch**

Following the meeting, all are invited to *Red Rock Brewery* for an informal lunch.