

COLORADO PRE-COLLEGIATE CONSORTIUM
Strategic Advisory Committee
First Meeting Monday 25 April 2005
REPORT AND UPDATE

Present: Booker Graves, Patricia Chlouber, Charlie Lenth, Gary Sibigtroth, Judy Ransom, Terri Rayburn Davis, Molly Doll, Kristin Toman, Mark Messenbaugh, Gail Schwartz, Karen Gerwitz, David Longanecker, Ron Gallegos, Mary Davis, Alton Clark, Paulette McIntosh, John Hefty, Linda Baker, Judy Weaver, Carrie Besnette, Tracey Raiford, Miguel Lovato, Mary Haynes, Carlos Valverde, Jenna Langer, Matt Gianneschi, Monica Moore, Rana Black, Gully Stanford.

By phone: Pam Suckla, Tim Albers, Frank Sanchez, Nancy McCallin

Unable to attend: Jenifer Doane, Ken DeLay, Ray Kilmer, Laura DeMoulin, Karen Lewis, Esther Rodriguez, Carmen Williams, Lydia Hoague

I. Welcome and Introductions:

- Judy Weaver, Chair of CCHE, welcomed the group and outlined CCHE's hopes for their involvement and advice. She thanked all present for their interest. The CollegeInColorado Campaign prescribes new partnerships between K-12 and Higher Ed, as well as the business and non-profit communities. Working together, we can – and must - prepare all of our students for college and/or careers.
- Carrie Besnette, Vice President for College Prep Programs at the Daniels Fund, noted that many of those present had been working for nearly two years on addressing the lack/inconsistency of pre-collegiate services across the state. The Daniels Fund remains committed to ensuring that all students have access to effective College Prep programs. To that end, the Daniels Fund has developed 1) a set of standards for pre-collegiate programs; and 2) a network of College Prep Partners, whose programs prepare students for consideration for Daniels Fund scholarships.
- Jenna Langer, Chief Operating Officer at CCHE, thanked the Daniels Fund for their hospitality, for generously providing lunch, and for their leadership in envisioning the Consortium.
CCHE has identified the Consortium of Pre-Collegiate Service Providers as a key element in the CollegeInColorado Campaign (along with the Admissions Requirements (adopted October 2003), the www.collegeincolorado.org online college/career guidance system and the state's new approaches to college affordability (the College Opportunity Fund and College In Colorado Scholarship Fund).
The mission of the Consortium (described in the *White Paper* circulated at the meeting) is *to define and provide pre-collegiate services as needed to Colorado's high school students, parents, teachers, counselors, school*

administrators and admissions officers. The Vision is A statewide network of pre-collegiate service providers, government agencies and community-based stakeholders working together to help prepare Colorado High School students to plan, apply and pay for college.

The hope is that the *Strategic Advisory Committee* will advise and support the Consortium in developing and implementing goals which will maximize services to our students, beginning in the middle school grades and minimize duplication.

- Jenna brought the group up to date with recent legislation designed to support the college aspirations of Colorado students:
 - SB05-03 The College In Colorado Scholarship Fund, to be funded and managed by College Invest and to begin distribution in 2008-09
 - HB05-1027 directing CCHE to notify High School Juniors of the potential for remediation and options available to them to prevent it.
 - HB05-1057 directing CCHE to notify the parents of 8th graders about Higher Education Admissions Requirements and the College Opportunity Fund; also requiring the reporting of pre-collegiate services provided.

II. Role of the Consortium:

Rana Black, Director of Pre-Collegiate Programs at CCHE, outlined several key elements in the proposed agenda for the Consortium:

- Creating a comprehensive database to track students served and services provided by Colorado's pre-collegiate programs.
- Collaborating through a statewide regional network on key elements of College/Career Preparation:
 - Training in and use of www.collegeincolorado.org. Rana reported that the network of GO TO Trainers for www.collegeincolorado.org is already in place and that a successful initial training had taken place early in April.
 - Understanding the finances of college – COF and College In Colorado Scholarship applications
 - Understanding and promoting Colorado's Admissions Requirements for 4-year colleges, and supporting districts' locally developed Pre-Collegiate Curricula. *She encouraged all present to attend the upcoming Pathways to College Network workshops on academic preparation, and to extend the invitation to others.*
 - Adopting and Implementing a set of statewide standards for pre-collegiate programs. She noted that very promising regional meetings had already taken place in Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

- Establishing an efficient and effective communications network for the Consortium and the Strategic Advisory Committee.

III. The Pre-Collegiate Database:

Matt Gianneschi, Chief Academic Officer at CCHE, described how the Daniels Fund initially collected the information about Colorado's pre-collegiate programs for publication in a 2003 issue of *HeadFirst*. This report, along with a map showing the underserved regions of the state, has guided the stakeholders through a series of subsequent meetings, culminating in the summer of 2004 in a pre-collegiate summit, at which the idea of the Consortium was conceived.

Central to the Consortium's success will be a comprehensive and reliable database which identifies the programs and the students served. CCHE is exploring collaborative P-20 uses of student databases which can record which students receive which services and what services are available in which districts, in order to better identify student and school needs across the state.

Matt noted that Colorado has many fine programs in place, but no combined reporting or tracking of the students/schools served.

Matt expressed the hope that members of the Strategic Advisory Committee would serve on a sub-committee to advise on the best uses of the database.

Discussion:

David Longanecker noted that Florida has a similar project under way.

Pat Chlouber asked if legislation would be needed: Matt responded that the hope is that collaborations on uses of data would be possible within current law (e.g. we would use aggregated, non-identifying data for any reports generated, and the partners would retain complete control over the data for which they are responsible), but that it was always a possibility.

Gail Schwartz expressed the hope that data-collaboration would help us connect students with the programs they need, and that school districts would also participate.

Karen Gerwitz asked about uses of the data. Matt noted that data and results would be strictly limited to the collaborating members of the consortium – CCE, CCHE, Schools and pre-collegiate programs.

Miguel Lovato noted how onerous data-entry can be and expressed the hope that the new database would be efficient. Matt noted that in K-12 we have the State Assigned Student I.D. (SASID), but that as yet Higher Education has multiple numbers, a situation which needs to be resolved.

Paulette McIntosh asked about the operational coordination of databases, given the variety of programs used.

Booker Graves noted the need to clarify the purpose of the database: which mission does it address? Matt responded that CCHE's hope is to get a better grasp on the services being provided to our students and how those services impact college access and success.

David Longanecker asked would the database also identify those schools and students not receiving services. Both Matt and Gary Sibigroth responded affirmatively

IV. Communications and Next Steps:

Gully Stanford, Director of Colorado GEAR UP and Pre-Collegiate Programs Coordinator at CCHE, reviewed current communications tools in use to engage stakeholders in pre-collegiate activities:

Trendlines (CCHE Executive Director Rick O'Donnell's newsletter)

Pipeline (a new item reporting on the CollegeInColorado Campaign to the community)

The Daniels Fund Directory of Service Providers, edited by Carlos Valverde

The CCHE and CollegeInColorado Websites

Annual Publications by the Colorado Council on High School/College Relations (*Handbook*), Colorado Educational Services and Development Association (CESDA) (*Directory*) and CCHE (*College Guide*)

Various distribution lists created for pre-collegiate communications.

The Daniels Fund's list of Network Partners

In discussion it was suggested that the Consortium should pursue:

- A Consortium page on the CCHE website
- A listserv for Consortium and Strategic Advisory Committee members
- Directories of programs and services (both printed and online) for both internal and external use
- A listing of resources available to practitioners (schools, pre-collegiate programs, community-based organizations etc.)

Next Steps:

It was agreed to meet 3 times a year: September – December – April

It was agreed that the following Sub-Committees should be created:

Database

Terri Rayburn Davis
Gary Sibigroth
Alton Clark
David Longanecker
Ron Gallegos
Charles Lenth
Carlos Valverde
Matt Gianneschi

Networking

Terri Rayburn Davis
Paulette McIntosh
Judy Ransom
Gail Schwartz
Monica Moore
Booker Graves
Linda Barker
John Hefty
Mark Messenbaugh
Tracey Raiford

Communications

Pat Chlouber
Karen Gerwitz
Ron Gallegos
Monica Moore
Booker Graves
Tracey Raiford
Alton Clark

Meetings of the Sub-committees will be set up over the course of the summer.

- V. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm, with thanks expressed to all present for their interest and participation.

Respectfully Submitted

Gully Stanford
May 4, 2005

ADDENDUM 5-10-05

1. Frank Sanchez will be leaving Adams State to take a vice-presidential position at CU Denver. He will remain on the Committee.
2. The 4-year college position vacated by Frank will be taken by Mike Garcia of Adams State College.
3. **Sub Committee Meetings**

Networking

Wednesday June 15, 11:30 am – 1 pm
CCHE, 1380 Lawrence St, #1200 Conference Room B
Agenda

Discuss standards, update on Daniels Fund
Demo/Update collegeincolorado.org
Discuss Online delivery (Invited: Tim Snyder)

Communications

Thursday June 16, 11:30 am – 1 pm
Daniels Fund, 101 Monroe
Agenda

**Publications
Website
List Serv**

Database

Monday June 20, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Daniels Fund

Agenda

Database

All are welcome

Phone conferencing will be available

Lunch will be served

RSVPs are requested

4. **Daniels Fund College Prep Network Trainings**
Following up on their successful Professional Development Workshop of March 17, the Daniels Fund will be hosting another workshop on June 30, 2 – 5 pm. Announcements will be coming out shortly.