



# Ad Hoc Committee for Self-funded Units

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**Ad Hoc Committee for Self-funded Units**

Kaye Howe, chair  
Position vacant, vice chair  
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio

Marshall Lind (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
Position vacant (CA)  
Committee chair (CO)  
Roy Ogawa (HI)  
Robert Kustra (ID)  
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)  
Warren Hardy (NV)  
Patricia Sullivan (NM)  
Dave Nething (ND)  
Camille Preus (OR)  
Janes Hansen (SD)  
Bonnie Jean Beesley (UT)  
Ann Daley (WA)  
Tom Buchanan (WY)

Presiding: Kaye Howe, chair

Staff: Louis Fox, vice president, WICHE Technology and Innovation,  
and executive director, WCET  
Dennis Mohatt, vice president, behavioral health, and director,  
Mental Health Program

**Agenda**



Approval of the Ad Hoc Committee for Self-funded Units meeting minutes of November 10, 2008 9-3



Approval of the FY 2010 Ad Hoc Committee for Self-funded Units workplan 9-4



Approval to make a strategic partnership agreement with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to develop the National Citizen Soldier Behavioral Health Alliance

**Discussion Items:**

Mental Health Program: new projects and FY 2010 budget outlook –  
Dennis Mohatt

Technology and Innovation: new projects and FY 2010 budget outlook –  
Louis Fox

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act broadband agenda –  
Louis Fox

# ACTION ITEM

## Ad Hoc Committee for Self-funded Units Minutes Monday, November 10, 2008

### **Committee Members Present**

Roy Ogawa, (HI), chair  
Jane Nichols (NV), ex officio  
Camille Preus (OR), immediate past chair  
Diane Barrans (AK)  
Joel Sideman (AZ)  
David Skaggs (CO)  
Helene Sokugawa (HI)  
Mary Sheehy Moe (MT)  
David Nething (ND)  
Patricia Sullivan (NM)  
Tad Perry (SD)  
Tom Buchanan (WY)

### **Committee Members Absent**

Robert Kustra (ID)  
Bonnie Jean Beesley (UT)  
Ann Daley (WA)

### **WICHE Staff**

Louis Fox, executive director, WCET, and vice president, WICHE Technology and Innovation  
Dennis Mohatt, director, Mental Health Program, and vice president, behavioral health

Chair Roy Ogawa called the Ad Hoc Committee for Self-Funded Units to order.

A MOTION AND SECOND WERE GIVEN TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Mohatt provided an update on Mental Health Program activities. He discussed future focus areas.

Louis Fox reviewed the activities of the Technology and Innovation initiative and efforts to enhance the WICHE footprint in this area. He reviewed the evolving status of WCET within WICHE and in the external marketplace, which should be examined further by the committee in the future.

The committee adjourned.

# WICHE WORKPLAN 2010

## SELF-FUNDED UNITS (Highlighted)

### EXISTING ACTIVITIES

#### Finance

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- Annual *Tuition and Fees* report (GF)
- *Non-Traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners* (Lumina)
- *Getting What You Pay For: Understanding Higher Education Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid* (Lumina)
- Performance measurement improvement in the Western states public mental health programs
- Legislative Advisory Committee
- State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO) (GF, Lumina, Pathways)
- Evaluation of Colorado's College Opportunity Fund (COF) (Colorado Department of Higher Education, Donnell-Kay Foundation)
- Master Property Program, insurance and risk consortium (self-funding)
- Collaborative purchasing through MHEC/WICHE Xerox contracts (self-funding)

#### Access & Success

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- Student Exchange Programs: Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP); Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP); Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) (state-funded)
- Internet Course Exchange (ICE) (Sloan Foundation and membership dues)
- State Scholars Initiative (OVAE)
- Bridges to the Professoriate (HHS)
- *Getting What You Pay For: Understanding Higher Education Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid* (Lumina)
- *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates by State and Race/Ethnicity* (ACT, College Board, and GF)
- *Non-Traditional No More: Policy Solutions for Adult Learners* (Lumina)
- Evaluation of Colorado's College Opportunity Fund (Colorado Department of Higher Education, Donnell-Kay Foundation)
- Rocky Mountain Collaborative to Transform the Health Professions Workforce (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health, Sullivan Alliance)
- State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO) (GF, Lumina, Pathways)
- Children's mental health improvement projects in Wyoming and South Dakota
- College Access Challenge Grant Consortium and Network (state subcontracts/U.S. Department of Education)
- Initiatives to expand educational equity for underrepresented ethnic students
- Best Practices in Statewide Transfer and Articulation Systems

#### Technology & Innovation

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- Western Academic Leadership Forum (membership dues and TIAA-CREF grant)
- *Fostering Collaborative State-level Education and Workforce Database Development* (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Professional development services to help colleges and universities offer quality e-learning programs, including WCET's annual conference (Oct. 21-24 in Denver), CatalystCAMP for new e-learning professionals (in conjunction with annual conference), webcast seminars for faculty development, and establishment of an iTunesU channel to access WCET podcasts (WCET)

- Expansion of the services, scope of resources, and number of participants in the eLearning Consortia common interest group, in partnership with Kansas State University's Institute for Academic Alliance (WCET)
- Provision of comparisons of electronic learning software and online course evaluations via the widely recognized EduTools website (WCET)
- Expansion of utilization of Web 2.0 social networking and new breed of web-based communications tools, serving as a prototype for other WICHE programs (WCET)

## Workforce

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- Rocky Mountain Collaborative to Transform the Health Professions Workforce (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health, Sullivan Alliance)
- Development of Student Exchange Program responses to critical workforce shortages, especially in rural and underserved areas
- Regional Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council
- Western Consortium for Rural Social Work (WICHE ICE)
- Healthcare and emerging fields' workforce briefs (GF)
- Collaboration with Colorado Department of Labor to expand access to online education via WICHE ICE in four-state demonstration project (Sloan Foundation)
- Mental health student exchange
- Building partnerships for competency: public mental health workforce development
- Rural mental health training initiatives

## Accountability

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- *Fostering Collaborative State-level Education and Workforce Database* (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- *Benchmarks: WICHE Region* (GF)
- *Electronic Regional Fact Book: Policy Indicators for Higher Education* (GF)
- *Policy Insights* on a range of higher education issues (GF)
- Facilitation of the Western States Decision Support Group for Public Mental Health (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)
- Electronic *Policy Alerts* and *Stat Alerts* (GF)
- Policy Publications Clearinghouse (GF)
- State Policy Inventory Database Online (SPIDO) (GF, Lumina, Pathways)
- Launching of the initial phase of the Transparency By Design website, to educate adult students to become better consumers of online education (WCET)
- Establishment of a knowledge base of existing research and best practices about academic integrity and student verification in online learning in response to Higher Education Opportunity Act legislation, serving as a resource to institutions and the accrediting community (WCET)

# NEW DIRECTIONS

(approved by the commission)

## Finance

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- Technical assistance with state financial aid program design and funding (single-state support, as requested)

## Access & Success

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- Expanded access to cyber-infrastructure, research and education networks, and applications for geographically remote or underserved institutions, including minority-serving institutions in the West by working with national broadband initiatives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Technology and Innovation)
- Establishment of a knowledge base of existing research and good practices that improve student retention in online courses and programs (WCET)
- *Knocking at the College Door: Projections of High School Graduates by State and Race/Ethnicity* methodology review and expansion
- Expansion of WICHE ICE to develop new multi-institution academic collaborations to produce online courses and programs in high-demand fields

## Technology & Innovation

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- Transitioning EduTools to a new model focused on community contributions of knowledge, in partnership with WCET's new LMS/CMS common interest group and with the National K-20 Initiative of Internet2 (WCET)
- Advancement of the work of the new common interest group on academic administration and academic policies related to e-learning, attracting more academic administrators to actively participate in peer discussions of a variety of academic and faculty issues related to distance education, online education, and technology-enhanced learning (WCET)
- Expansion of the availability and use of research and education networks (state, regional, and national) for health and mental health services and related educational outreach (Technology and Innovation, Mental Health)
- Development of a broadband technology policy and awareness initiative that supports individual state and regional efforts to deploy, connect, and use advanced networks in support of education, healthcare, and research by working with national broadband initiatives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Technology and Innovation)
- Technologically enhance the State Higher Education Policy Center (SHEPC) learning center
- Expansion of WICHE ICE (Sloan and memberships)

## Workforce

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- Expansion of professional advisory councils (health professions)
- Survey of PSEP medical and dental schools' rural track and pipeline programs to identify best practices
- Assessment of Mental Health Program distance-learning opportunities for California's small and frontier counties (Mental Health and WCET)
- Collaboration with Colorado Department of Labor to expand access to online education via WICHE ICE in four-state demonstration project (Sloan Foundation)

# ON THE HORIZON

(not yet submitted to the commission)

## Finance

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- Residency policies
- Research and analysis of outcome-based funding approaches

## Access & Success

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- Expanding adult degree completion through online education via ICE
- Expansion of the State Scholars Initiative with new funding
- Broadening on-campus and online educational options for active service members and veterans

## Technology & Innovation

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- Research on strategies and good practices that promote use of open educational resources in higher education (WCET)
- Research on effective intervention strategies to increase student retention and student success in online courses and programs (WCET)

## Workforce

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- Policy and Mental Health collaboration on recidivism reduction in the prison population
- Assisting states in identifying academic program development needs and exploring new regional student exchange opportunities
- Health and allied health workforce development and policy
- Workforce credentialing systems
- Forging collaborations between Western higher education agencies and institutions and state departments of labor and workforce development
- Extending the Rocky Mountain Collaborative to Transform the Health Professions Workforce initiative into other WICHE states

## Accountability

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- International Comparisons of Learning Outcomes
- Research and analysis of outcome-based funding approaches
- Second phase of the Transparency By Design website: the site will improve and enrich the institutional and program data offered, recruit more institutions to participate, and expand marketing of the site to attract more users (WCET)

## **ACTION ITEM**

### **Partnering with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to Develop the National Citizen Soldier Behavioral Health Alliance**

The WICHE Mental Health Program proposes a new partnership with the Odum Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to engage communities to support and enhance the resiliency of service members and their families before, during, and after mobilization and deployment. Work will center around creating a statewide network of health and behavioral health providers who have received evidence-based, best practice training to address the psychological issues facing veterans and their families. Training conducted for civilian health and behavioral health providers in this project will result in improved identification of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. In addition, provider participation in TRICARE, the military healthcare program, will be expanded; and providers will have an improved understanding of military culture, leading to the provision of better care and positive outcomes for military service members.

#### **Action Requested**

Approval to make a strategic partnership agreement with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to develop the National Citizen Soldier Behavioral Health Alliance.