WICHE works with its 16 member states and territories to expand access and excellence in higher education for all citizens of the West.

By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy among states and institutions, WICHE strengthens higher education’s contributions to the region’s social, economic, and civic life.

Several of our programs extend WICHE’s reach nationally and internationally.
WICHE’S History

- Created by Congress as an Interstate Compact:
  - **Title:** *The Western Regional Education Compact*
  - **Signed Into Law:** August, 1953
  - Few professional schools in the West
- The Original – 11 States & Two Territories
  - Late to the Game (1959): Nevada and Hawaii
- The Newbies:
  - North & South Dakota-- Affiliates in the 1980s/ Full Members in 1999
  - Pacific Island Territories – Northern Mariana Islands first in 2012
Governance

48-member commission

(three commissioners per member)

- State higher education executive officers.
- Legislators and Senior Government Officials.
- College and university presidents/administrators.
- K-12, business, and community leaders.

“At all times one Commissioner from each compacting state or territory shall be an educator engaged in the field of higher education in the state or territory from which he is appointed.”
Governance

Committee Structure

Committee of the Whole -- Meets Semi-annually
Executive Committee* – Teleconferences, as needed
Standing Committees

Audit
Nominating
Issue Analysis and Research*
Programs and Services*
Self-funded Units*

*One Commissioner from each state
Key Constituencies

- Students and their families.
- Governors and their staff.
- Legislative leaders and legislators serving on higher education and appropriations committees/staff.
- State higher education executive officers (SHEEOs)/staff.
- Institutional leaders and governing board members.
- Leaders of other regional, national, and international education and policy organizations.
Your Fiduciary Responsibility

- **DUES**
  - **Approved amounts**
    - **FY 15 - $145,000**
      - Divided by two -- $72,500
      - Divided by three -- $48,333
      - Divided by four -- $36,250
      - Divided by five -- $29,000
      - Divided by six -- $24,167
WICHE’s Work Product

- Five Operating Units
  - Administrative Services
  - Programs & Services
  - Policy Analysis & Research
  - Behavioral & Mental Health Services
  - WICHE Cooperative for Education Technologies
Focus of Current Work Plan

- Access and Success
- Finance
- Technology & Innovation
- Workforce & Society
- Accountability
WICHE’s Work Product

- Access & Success
  - Student Exchange Programs
    - WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)
    - WRGP (Western Regional Graduate Program)
    - PSEP (Professional Student Exchange)
    - WICHE ICE (WICHE Internet Course Exchange)
  - Comparative Statistics
WICHE’s Work Product

- Finance
  - Financial Comparisons
  - Emerging Innovations in Funding Strategies
    - Performance Funding
Technology & Innovation

- Predictive Analytics Reporting – PAR Project
- Assistance in Development of Technology Mediated Learning
  - On-line
  - Hybrid
  - Adaptive Learning
- Cyber security
WICHE’s Work Product

Workforce & Society

Achieving National Goals Regionally

- The National Goals
  - Lumina: 60% of Adult Workforce with A Credential by 2025
  - President: 65% of Young Adult Workforce with A Credential by 2020

- The WICHE Commitment – The Goal as a Region
# Results for the West

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Annual Increase</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Annual Increase</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alaska</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>New Mexico</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>North Dakota</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>California</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>Northern Mariana</td>
<td>------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>Oregon</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hawaii</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>South Dakota</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Idaho</td>
<td>2.9%</td>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montana</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nevada</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Workforce & Society

Achieving National Goals Regionally

- The National Goals
  - Lumina: 60% of Adult Workforce with A Credential by 2025
  - President: 65% of Young Adult Workforce with A Credential by 2020

- The WICHE Commitment – The Goal as a Region

Tailoring analysis to your unique circumstances
WICHE’s Work Product

- Productivity
  - Requires good data/information
    - Multistate data exchange
    - Corrects for serious limitation of U.S. Dept of Ed data
  - Cost per unit of output
Focus of Current Work Plan

- Access and Success
- Finance
- Technology & Innovation
- Workforce & Society
- Accountability
WICHE’s Work Product

- Behavioral & Mental Health
  - Dennis Mohatt: Vice President, WICHE
WICHE Mental Health Program

- Established in 1955
- Each jurisdiction pays $15,000.00 support fee
- Pacific Region shares as one jurisdiction
- Mental Health Oversight Council
  - Senior Mental Health Official for Jurisdiction*
  - Two WICHE Commissioners
- MHOC meets annually
  - *(usually the designated NASMHPD commissioner)
## WICHE Mental Health Support Fee

- **Support Fee Assessment**
- **Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of Members</th>
<th>Amount Each</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>$15,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>7,500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>5,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>3,750.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>3,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>2,500.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Representation on the Mental Health Oversight Council**
  - One year term, rotating according to date of joining WICHE. Currently CNMI has the appointed representative.
WICHE MHP Mission

The mission of the WICHE Mental Health program is twofold:

1) to assist states in improving systems of care for mental health consumers and their families; and

2) to advance the preparation of a qualified mental health workforce in the West.

The program collaborates with states to meet the challenges of changing environments through regional research and evaluation, policy analysis, program development, technical assistance, and information sharing.
WICHE MHP Core Activities

- Technical Assistance and Consultation
- Data Analytics and Program Evaluation
- Workforce Development
- Research
What we do: TA & Consultation

- **CNMI**
  - Provided assistance to development & review of SOC Planning Grant
  - Provided training in Mental Health First Aid

- **Guam**
  - Provided training to support objectives of federal system improvement grant
  - Training in suicide prevention and Mental Health First Aid
  - Consultation on accreditation options for inpatient/residential treatment

- **AK**
  - Assisting state hospital in strategic planning & change mgmt
  - Assisted DBH in recruitment of new API CEO
  - Study and planning for persons with complex behaviors

- **AZ**
  - Staffing fidelity review and TQI process for EBPs

- **CO**
  - Assisted planning & development of statewide crisis response system

- **HI**
  - Developed & scored RFP for statewide EHR for DD System
  - Analysis of options (Medicaid, etc.) for LTC for complex dually diagnosed

- **ID**
  - Statewide behavioral health transformation study & recommendations
  - Suicide prevention training for primary care/family practice
What we do: Data Analysis & Program Evaluation

- AK - Development & improvement of outcome measurement system
- Review of regulatory and policy barriers to service effectiveness
- Needs assessment for telepsychiatric program for remote areas

- CO - Population in need of care study (also AK, MT, SD, WY)
- Fidelity review for EBP (Supported Employment)

- CNMI - Completed needs assessment for child-family mental health services

- HI - Needs assessment for HI-DOE focused on student BH

- OR - Cost-Benefit Analysis of early intervention model program

- SD - Evaluation of federal COSIG & Suicide Prevention grant programs
- Needs Assessment for SOC development
- Fidelity review for EBP (ACT)
- MHSHIP consumer survey
What we do: Workforce

- **Workforce Analysis & Planning** – AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, ND, SD, WY
- **Rural Grand Rounds Webcasts** – Funded by SAMHSA, archived
- **Psychology Internship Planning & Support** – AK, CO, HI, IL, ID, OR, TX
- **Recruitment and Staffing** – AK, AZ, HI, SD
- **Train in & Support adoption of EBP** – AZ, CO, NM, SD
- **Bridge Higher Education and the Public BH System** – AK, AZ, NV, ND, SD
What we do: Research

- 2005-2010  HRSA Funded Rural Health Policy Research: Focus upon Rural Health Policy related to collaborative care models for primary & behavioral health

- 20010-12  NIMH-RO1 Clinical study of MHFA on college campuses

- 2012-14  Department of Defense – RO1 Study of MHFA with military personnel

- Current – ORH-VA – Development of Community Based tools for Suicide Prevention focused upon Veterans and families.
Dennis Mohatt
Vice President for Behavioral Health
3035 Center Green Drive
Boulder, CO 80301
303-541-0256 ph
dmohatt@wiche.edu
www.wiche.edu/mentalhealth
The Western Regional Education Compact requires prospective members to receive legislative approval, to receive governor’s/president’s approval, to commit to paying the annual dues, and to participate actively.

That’s it.