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Complete College Wyoming (CCW) is a statewide organization focused on access, success and completion. Wyoming joined Complete College America late in 2011 and has provided active leadership in crafting the Wyoming student success agenda. There are many initiatives underway and we focus on scaling our efforts to encourage permanent change as opposed to short-term pilot projects.

CCW Meetings

The CCW Team met on February 7 in Cheyenne to review FY17 activities and develop strategic plans for moving forward in this time of diminished resources. Monthly phone conference meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. People interested in student success and completion are encouraged to join us.

CCW FY17 Goals

1. *Develop a strategy for revising the CCW Website to better meet current needs and to be more interactive. The CCW Website was moved to the Wyoming Community College Commission to provide sustainability and staff support.*
2. *Host a fall meeting with, University, College and HS Math, Reading and English faculty. Very successful event with 84 high school, college and university math and English faculty along with counselors and advisors.*
3. *Collaborate with the Wyoming Community College Commission staff, UW staff, and DGIRC Council to create reports that can be run automatically to populate the database for the Dashboard. Draft reports are complete for the community colleges and will include UW data soon.*
4. *Hold quarterly meetings in different locations so that CCW team members, staff from the*

institution hosting and statewide leaders from the area could participate. CCW met in April in Casper and February in Cheyenne.

5. *Develop a more systematic way to share best practices in remediation delivery and guided pathways. The team streamlined reporting format and are discussing other options.*
6. *Build relationships with K-12 partners by working more with the Department of Education, adding members to the team and sponsoring joint events. CCW team members attended the Wyoming State Board of Education meeting in October, co-hosted the partnership workshop, and participated in the Wyoming Principles Conference in January.*
7. *Maintain an understanding of the Governance Institute for Student Success project the community college boards are undertaking, and CCW. CCW team members participated in the GISS Conference.*
8. *Develop a leadership transition plan and take steps to carry it out during FY17. A tentative plan is taking shape.*
9. *Continue collaboration on the statewide college and career readiness definition. CCW completed work on the definition and discussed with the Wyoming Board of Education. Added a representative from the Board to the CCW team.*
10. *Provide an opportunity to faculty representatives to become more engaged in*

CCW and make sure that every institution has an active appointee. Ongoing. This has been a little more difficult this year with limited resources.

11. Develop strategies to make more direct connections with workforce partners and determine our role in helping with Wyoming's economic downturn. CCW discussed other statewide activities and how we might participate has taken place.

Focusing on our Relationships with K-12

The CCW team is dedicated to the seamless transition of high school graduates into the higher education environment and on into the workforce. This has been a priority goal during FY17 and the team is involved in several activities addressing the challenges in this area.

The CCW team includes a superintendent, a high school counselor and several people from the Wyoming Department of Education. The Executive Director of the Wyoming Board of Education was added to the team in January.

The CCW team also includes the Wyoming School-University Partnership. The Partnership guides a set of one-day meetings focused on writing/literature, mathematics, life sciences, social studies, and world languages. The meetings are designed for high school, college, and university faculty to confer, teacher to teacher. Go to <http://www.uwyo.edu/wsup/transition/> for the February-April calendar and online registration. There is no charge to participate. A recent meeting focusing on English was very valuable in reaching common understanding on expectations for students entering college English.

The October 7 Wyoming-School-University Partnership meeting involved nearly 80 faculty and staff in productive dialog on how to better serve our students in the math and English transition and in advising and counseling.

Individual institutions are working closely with service-area schools to streamline processes and expectations. Partnerships have resulted in several changes to placement in math and English and how remediation is handled for incoming students.

The CCW team has worked to be included in the Department of Education sub-committee working on this topic and will also work with the Wyoming State Board of Education. Our goal is that there be one definition that can be embraced by all entities in the State.

CCW is participating in various events sponsored in the K-12 arena to share information and build relationships (State Board meeting for the Wyoming School-University Partnership and WSBA Conference, Wyoming Principals Conference).



Complete College Wyoming encourages involvement from all stakeholders in our State. Visit the website,

<http://completecollegewyoming.org>