1. **State and team personnel changes**

At their May meeting, the Regents elected College!NOW advisory team member Clay Christian as chair. Janine Pease, an administrator at Fort Peck tribal college, was selected as vice-chair. These changes will ensure continued focus on the two-year education initiative. On June 1, Travis Reindl, left Communication Works to assume a new position with National Governors Association. On June 15, COLLEGE!NOW notified Communication Works that Montana’s contract with the organization would not be renewed. How to proceed with our communications and engagement strategy will be an agenda item for the State Advisory Team on June 30.

2. **Progress on common evaluation milestones**

Completed in prior months. Will be adding descriptions to the Delta reports posted on KC shortly.

3. **Upcoming activities and events relevant to the initiative**

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4. **Activities and progress this month, as they relate to the following (taken from the scope of work)**

   a. **The goals for overall project coordination:**
On target. Sharing monthly progress reports with broader team on state’s public space on the KC. Pursuing individual contact with advisory team members in advance of next team meeting, scheduled for June 30. Implementation team members continue to meet by telephone every even-dated Thursday.

b. The goals for communications and engagement:

Activities this month include:
- Presentations on COLLEGE!NOW to Interim Education and Local Government Committee and to Education Subcommittee of the legislature.
- Engagement of Bozeman community on transition of Great Falls’ two-year programming to MSU within the goals of COLLEGE!NOW.
- Meeting of regent delegation with delegations from community college boards to improve communication, understanding of COLLEGE!NOW.
- Report by Commissioner to State Chamber of Commerce Board on COLLEGE!NOW at annual meeting.

c. The goals for bringing the community college mission to all two-year campuses, including activities of the four work groups:

i. Developmental

Conferred with Bruce Vandal and Treva Berryman from TN for a joint developmental/ABLE workgroup meeting on July 12. Broadening invitation list to include the implementation team, chief academic officers, developmental faculty from two-year colleges and tribal colleges, language and math specialists at OPI.

ii. Adult-friendly

Lumina Vice-President Jim Applegate has agreed to keynote the August 12 adult credentialing conference in Kalispell. Planning team conferred with NGA consultants by telephone; roughed out planning for the conference on adult credentialing August 12.

iii. Adult basic literacy education (ABLE)

Convening ABLE Workgroup on June 28 to hone in on COLLEGE!NOW goals. Combining ABLE and Developmental Workgroups for July 12 meeting with Bruce Vandal and Treva Berryman.

iv. Workforce responsiveness

Asked for State Chamber of Commerce assistance with engaging business and industry on workforce responsiveness agenda. Brief follow-up with Gov’s workforce adviser Pat Wise to reach out more to business community.

d. The goals for making two-year colleges regional hubs:

The Regents approved transfer of administrative responsibility for the College of Technology in Bozeman from MSU-Great Falls (a two-year college) to MSU-Bozeman (a four-year college). In approving this move, the Regents articulated their expectations that the change will create administrative efficiencies, and that MSU-Bozeman will embrace the unique identity of two-year education with a regional focus. They also expect MSU-Bozeman to
enforce strict admissions standards and preserve mission differentiation, and to pursue College!Now strategies to strengthen two-year education in Montana.

**Including activities of the two work groups:**

i. **High School/College transitions**

   Dual enrollment committee and implementation team have discussed proposed operational guidelines for dual enrollment and other opportunities for high school students to earn college credits. Identified several issues that need refining, and resolved others. Consulted with the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) on assessment, pacing, faculty and other issues, and with the Leadership Council (two-year campus leaders) on funding. Will present to Board of Public Education in July, and seek regental approval in September, in preparation for College!NOW Online for the spring semester and interlocal agreements for the following academic year.

ii. **Curriculum coordination and alignment**

   Work on the regents transfer core is continuing. Until faculty return in August both RTC and aligned general education are on hold.

e. **The goals for technology infrastructure, including activities of the two work groups:**

i. **Technology for efficiency**

   Banner implementation at Miles and Dawson community colleges, and integration for MUS campuses, continue on schedule.

ii. **Virtual community college**

   Hinging on dual enrollment operational guidelines and funding to level tuition and fees across campuses. Met with officers of Montana Digital Academy to ensure non-duplication of efforts with dual enrollment online. MTDA indicated an interest in identifying one college with a variety of online offerings as a link on their website to meet legislative expectations in Fall 2010.

f. **The goals for outcomes-based funding:**

   - Workgroup meeting June 30 to continue work on formula and phase-in options.

**Additional information**

The legislative fiscal division staff published a list of potential budget solutions to be considered in the 2011 session to close a projected $400 million general fund shortfall. Included on the list was closing MSU-Northern in Havre. Commissioner Stearns publicly opposed the idea.