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**Comprehensive Review Update**

Coordinating Board for Higher Education  
 December 9, 2020

**BACKGROUND**

Comprehensive reviews are designed for proposed programs that are outside an institution's CBHE-approved mission, outside the institution's service region, require substantial costs to launch and sustain, degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher that fall within the CIP code of 14 (Engineering), doctoral degrees as described in 6 CSR 10-4.010, or education specialist degrees.

**CURRENT STATUS**

There are a number of proposals for comprehensive review, all in various stages of review. This board item is to provide an update on the status of the proposals not being considered for action by the CBHE at the December 9, 2020, meeting. Institutions will need to have all documents for consideration by the CBHE submitted to DHEWD at least eight weeks in advance of a CBHE meeting in order for the proposal to be reviewed by staff in time for the meeting.

Institution	Proposal	Status	CBHE Board Meeting
St. Charles Community College and Missouri State University Collaboration	Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant	Proposal under department review	Undetermined at this time*
St. Louis Community College	Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care	Phase II proposal in progress	Tentatively March 2021 or later
Ozarks Technical Community College	Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care	Phase II proposal in progress	Tentatively March 2021 or later
Metropolitan Community College	Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care	See board item for action on Phase I proposal	December 2021 Phase I
Missouri Health Pathways Consortium (East Central College, Moberly Area Community College, Three Rivers College, North Central Missouri College, State Fair Community College)	Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care	Proposal withdrawn to evaluate all possible structures to meet local RT need.	-----

*St. Charles Community College and Missouri State University Collaboration*

Commissioner Mulligan, along with DHEWD staff, met with SCC and MSU staff to discuss the OTA proposal on October 5, 2020. The department indicated that even with the collaboration, SCC's proposal would still need to be considered under comprehensive review, because SCC would be

conferring the bachelor's degree as a community college, which is outside of its mission. The department further stressed that the only collaborative arrangement that would take SCC out of the comprehensive review category is one where MSU (or another four-year institution with a mission to offer bachelor's degrees) would confer the bachelor degree. And, at this time, the evidence does not support that there has been a change in level of education required in the field for employment or licensure. SCC and MSU indicated they would reach out to the department regarding their next steps. As of this writing, SCC indicated they would like to place its joint BOTA degree on the CBHE meeting agenda. The Department advised its proposal may be considered at the March meeting in order to give staff time to review the proposal.

\*DHEWD staff are continuing conversations with SCC staff and may change the placement of the agenda item before the December meeting. Board and PAC members will receive notice of any change.

#### *St. Louis Community College and Ozarks Technical Community College*

Assistant Commissioner Mara Woody and DHEWD staff met with SLCC and OTC on October 7, 2020, to discuss the timeline and requirements for Phase II proposal submission. Both institutions are reviewing the details regarding the consultants for the market analysis. DHEWD staff will meet with them again to finalize the submission timeline, with anticipated action by the CBHE in March 2021.

#### *Metropolitan Community College*

DHEWD staff met with MCC on October 9, 2020, to discuss additional information necessary to complete the Phase I proposal. MCC submitted the additional information and their Phase I proposal is being presented to the CBHE for action at this meeting. If approved to move to Phase II, DHEWD staff will meet with MCC to discuss the timeline and requirements for the Phase II proposal submission.

#### *Missouri Health Pathways Consortium*

DHEWD staff met with the MHPC on October 23, 2020, to discuss the additional information necessary to complete the Phase I proposal. The Consortium notified the department on November 6, 2020, that it is withdrawing its proposal at this time to further evaluate all structures to meet the local need for respiratory therapists.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This is an information item only.

### **NO ATTACHMENTS**