

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Performance Funding Changes
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
June 8, 2017

DESCRIPTION

MDHE staff has collected proposed changes to public institutions' performance funding peer groups and metrics, in accordance with the change process established after the 2014 performance funding task force. With the caveat that changes may arise out of recommendations of a new task force prior to the fall 2017 / FY 2019 performance funding data collection cycle, MDHE staff are evaluating proposed changes. This agenda item provides an update on that process.

Three-Year Change Process

At a special meeting of the Coordinating Board held in November 2014, the CBHE adopted recommendations of the 2014 Performance Funding Task Force. These recommendations included the implementation of a three-year cycle for regular changes to the framework. On or before May 1 prior to the beginning of each new cycle, the institutions would be invited to propose changes to measures where multiple options are available, i.e. where choices are available among a menu of options for all institutions in their sector. The public four-year institutions have had such a menu of measures since the first year of the current framework (fall 2012 / FY 2014), and the community colleges and Missouri State University–West Plains now have similar choices as a result of agreement with the Coordinating Board to phase out remediation measures by fall 2018 / FY 2020. On or before May 1 prior to the beginning of each new cycle, the institutions may also propose changes to institution-specific measures.

Finally, on or before each May 1, the institutions can apply for changes to peer groups. As the fall 2017 / FY 2019 performance funding cycle will mark the beginning of a new three-year cycle, the institutions were provided direction for proposing changes to menu options, institutional measures, and peer groups prior to May 1.

A number of institutions responded, and requested changes to peer groups, menu options, and institutional measures. While MDHE staff has not completed evaluation of these proposed changes, staff plan to resolve any questions with the institutions, solicit public comment where required, and request Coordinating Board approval as needed at the September CBHE meeting.

During the same time period, it is expected that a reconstituted performance funding task force will likely propose additional changes in response to external feedback and the state audit of performance funding. The task force will be described in greater detail in an additional board item. MDHE staff will work with the institutions to ensure that these processes work in tandem, i.e., that further necessary changes to menu options, institutional measures, and peer groups as a result of the work of the task force are accounted for.

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STATUTORY REFERENCES

Section 163.191, RSMo – State aid to community colleges

Section 173.1006, RSMo – Establishment of performance measures

Section 173.1540, RSMo – State aid to four-year institutions

Section 178.638, RSMo – Oversight of college by coordinating board and state board of education

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None