

**COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF DIVERSITY OFFICERS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
(CoADOHE)**

CHAPTER SUMMARY REPORT 2019-2020

Submitted by Mary Ontiveros, Chair

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: Our chapter has continued to hold quarterly meetings at different higher education sites. The April meeting is scheduled to take place in Wyoming as we have welcomed the University of Wyoming into our chapter and anticipate changing the name of the organization to reflect a regional focus.

- April 19, 2019 – Anschutz Medical Center in Denver (Meeting and Summit)
- July 19, 2019 – University of Colorado at Boulder
- October 23, 2019 - Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs
- January 17, 2020 – Colorado Department of Higher Education in Denver
- April 17, 2020 – Scheduled – University of Wyoming in Laramie

HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT: This year's summit focused on Mental Wellness in Higher Education and was hosted by Anschutz Medical Center. Our keynote speaker was Brenda Allen formerly the Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Colorado at Denver. Special thanks to Shane Hoon, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Diversity who helped to coordinate the program along with Dominic Martinez.

COLLABORATION WITH THE EQUITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM OF COLORADO: The October meeting included a joint session with members of the Equity and Inclusion Council for the Community College System of Colorado. Given that our missions are similar this provided an opportunity to discuss issues that impact both organizations. It was agreed that the meeting was successful and will be repeated at the October quarterly meeting in 2020. Thanks to Keith Barnes and Dr. Ryan Ross for hosting and coordinating this meeting.

MEETING WITH COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION: The January meeting included a visit from Dr. Angie Paccione, Director of the Department of Higher Education in Colorado. Staff from the Department were also in attendance with request to continue collaboration between CDHE and CoADOHE.

ELECTIONS: At the July meeting, Keith Barnes, Executive Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Pikes Peak Community College was elected Vice Chair. Dr. Emily Monago, Chief Diversity Officer and Interim Co-Director for the Social Justice Research Institute at the University of Wyoming was elected Treasurer. They replace Dr. Frank Tuitt from University of Denver and Dr. Dominic Martinez from Anschutz Medical Center. Elections this July will be held for Chair and Secretary positions currently occupied by Mary Ontiveros from Colorado State University and Freddie Burciaga who is with the Department of Higher Education.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meeting with the Equity and Inclusion Council of the Community College System of Colorado with an understanding that we would continue to meet.
- Meeting with the Department of Higher Education with an agreement for further collaboration.
- Agreement to move toward becoming a regional chapter of NADOHE to include Wyoming and other western states.
- Continued inclusion at each meeting of current issues impacting each of our institutions