

To: Victoria Gruber, Executive Director, Department of Legislative Services
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During the month of April 2022, NCHEMS engaged in the following activities:

- NCHEMS sent two teams to listen to leaders of institutions in Maryland during the first week of April
 - Sally Johnstone and Alvin Schexnider visited University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of Maryland System Office, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and Bowie State University. At each campus they met with the Presidents and chief academic staff members. At the UMS they met with the Chancellor, Joanne Boughman, and Toni Coleman. Sally Johnstone also met with the staff at the MHEC office, Secretary James Fielder, Assistant Secretary Emily Dow, and Dr. Trish McCown.
 - Brian Prescott and Sarah Torres Lugo meet with leaders in Annapolis either in person or via a Zoom link. The leaders met individually and were from:
 - Maryland Association of Community Colleges,
 - Maryland Independent College and University Association,
 - Maryland Department of Labor,
 - St. Mary's College,
 - University of Baltimore,
 - University of Maryland College Park,
 - University of Maryland Baltimore County,
 - Frostburg State University,
 - Towson University,
 - University of Maryland Global Campus, and
 - Salisbury University.
- Through these campus listening session and discussions with MHEC staff NCHEMS is gathering a clear picture of obstacles in MHEC's academic program review process.
- NCHEMS continues to gather information from other states with HBI's regarding how they manage program reviews.
- NCHEMS' Peter Ewell has interviewed MHEC staff as well as documents they provided to establish MHEC's capacity of evaluate workforce demand for future and current academic programs in Maryland.