

The Learning Cornerstone  
Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 25, 2002

**Attending:**

June Curtis  
Ella Curtis  
Heidi Fulcher  
Vangie Jones  
Edwina Kee  
Darrell King  
Rondi Moore  
Lisa Maestas  
Grace Pooley  
Lori Singer  
Tomie Zamora

Minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.  
Agenda was approved.

**NPC Report:**

Heidi Fulcher – Director, Division of Developmental Services, Winslow:

GED testing is being held at Show Low and Holbrook this semester. Calculator workshop videos will be coming from the state and we will be making copies for all sites. Greasewood started a new class this week to run 8 weeks ending June 14, 2002.

232 students received ABE scholarship this semester, a total of \$16,244 was awarded in scholarships. The state table shows 395 students with 19,000+ class hours this semester. ASE shows 64 students are ready for the GED test. NPC's fall schedule is on the web page.

Tuition will be going up to \$30.00 per credit hour. Coordinators and aides money comes out of ABE money. NPC is anticipating an overall 3% salary increase.

At the Directors Institute we were told the budget would be the same as last year, accordingly, staff development and travel money might be cut. Nine TLC instructors will be going to a conference in Phoenix for GED training. The first 50 people will get free admission if homework is turned in on time. Sharron Newman TLC instructor at PDC will be one of the presenters.

A March deadline was set for Teacher Certification under the old system. Beginning in April colleges will be responsible for determining standards for teacher credentials.

**WIA Report:**

Heidi - Ft. Defiance will be having classes this fall at NDWD's Education Center.

Rondi - Funding 4 students for the truck driving school for three weeks with a total of 160 hours when they are finished they will have 5 different credentials. Winslow students who are attending the 27 credit clerical class will finish on May 17. They are attending class from 8:00-12:00 and doing a work exchange from 1:00-5:00. Clerical classes will be offered in Show Low in the fall.

**Member Reports:**

Lori Singer – W.I.A. AZ Affiliation of Indian Centers, Winslow:

GED program services 11 counties for Native Americans who live off the reservation. All applications being taken are pending on the grant money due in July. NACOG accepting

applications for utilities but all money to help with rent is gone. A set rate of \$175.00 for propane is paid directly to vender. Helping clients one time a year with coal or wood.

June Curtis – Greasewood NDWD, Greasewood:

Eleven students started GED class at the Chapter House in Greasewood. Working with school to get a classroom for fall classes. Youth outnumber adults in our program. New money now available. The director at Ft. Defiance will be retiring. Native employment grant is for people on welfare to help with classroom training and books.

Ella Curtis – Family Assistance – Dilkon:

The program helps clients with supplies they need for classes. Program still has money available and is recruiting clients. Most clients are having babysitter problems and transportation is also a big concern. Clients are doing home study and only coming in to class 2 or 3 times. Work is picking up at Dilkon.

Edwina Kee – Family Service Liaison – Ft. Defiance Agency:

Work with family services at Indian Wells. Will have more input next meeting.

Darrell King – Ft. Defiance Head Start:

Clients need to get priorities in order. Hears most of the problems are with the eligibility process is too long and restrictive. Referring clients to Willie Begay. The key is getting good instructors for the betterment of the program. Would like to have some teachers teach head start parents GED skills. Head start staff must have AA by 2003. Would like copy of requirements for instructors. Ganado has teen-parent program.

Rondi Moore – WIA ShowLow:

Penny Johnson is youth case manager. GED classes in Show Low has ten students. 21 Century has 10 students testing on May 2 & 3 for the new class in Show Low.

Lisa Maestas – Snowflake Head Start Center Director:

Referred 7 or 8 clients to take GED test last year. Looking for new resources to help with two-day testing. Family advocate, Debbie Thomas, unable to attend but Debbie would be the contact person for SCC tour, etc.

Grace Pooley – NPC Native American Program Services:

Might not get national TANF monies this year. Reservation is having growing pains. Navajo people are sharp just needing a little help. Grace was first Native American to be hired as a high school teacher in 1960. Whiteriver 21<sup>st</sup> Century provides teen-parent program.

Vangie Jones – Chinle Workforce Development:

WIA work experience on hold. Five students taking GED classes at Rough Rock. Having trouble getting attendance records to the caseworkers. Last summer clients were bussed from Pinon to Chinle. Still need teacher/class at Nazlini. Chinle high school provides a teen parent program.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

**Next meeting:**

**July 25, 2002 August 1, 2002**  
**1:00-3:00 MST**  
**Eagles Nest – District Office**  
**102 First Avenue**  
**Holbrook, Arizona**