

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
August 4, 2009

Attending:

Sonja Banyacya-NAU-ED Opportunity Center-Holbrook
Roxanne Dean-Job Corps-Winslow
Claude Endfield-Early Childhood NPC
Eric Henderson-Dean of Arts & Sciences NPC
Rickey Jackson-Director of Development Services
Dawn Johnson-Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services NPC
Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi
Zoe Payne- Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services NPC
Cheryl Plummer-Assistant to the Secretary-Developmental Services NPC
Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Case Counselor
Lorie Singer-AAIC-WIA Program Winslow
Tomie Zamora-Secretary to Dean-Developmental Services NPC

Minutes of May 5, 2009 meeting –were approved with corrections
Brief self introductions were made by all attending

NPC Reports

Rickey Jackson-Director of Development Services

There are a few changes; our department is now under the Arts and Sciences. Staff and process changes are myself as new director. We will have a new full-time faculty member at LCC who is also teaching out at Hopi. Ruth Creek is now the full-time data specialist and the learning assistants will be meeting monthly to get data entry and follow-up duties.

New tuition and fee changes starting in the fall tuition will be \$52.00 per credit hour with \$156 for 3-7 credits and anything over 7 credits is \$52 per credit. A new \$35.00 media fee for any student with 3 or more credits. The \$35.00 is for new wireless access on campuses and centers and for improved technology college wide. There is only enough money in tuition in-kind funding for 10 students per site this fall semester.

Professional learning sessions are scheduled for all TLC staff October 10 at Chinle, November 7 at Snowflake and March 6 at Holbrook. Faculty and Staff must attend one workshop per year to be rehired. Full time faculty must attend 2 workshops. We must use 10% of the ABE budget for professional learning.

We also have professional learning communities for all instructional staff. Each group meets 3 times per semester with 8 groups: Winslow, Hopi Center, Holbrook, Chinle, Snowflake, Springerville, Show Low & Whiteriver.

Other professional learning are leadership excellence academy, education technology integration, ETE and in-house technology team and teachers investigating adult numeracy (state Initiative).

New initiatives: build on what is working, more sites with fewer teachers and more classroom hours, less sites with many teachers and fewer classroom hours, technology integration is a priority and partners share the responsibility and costs.

NRS changed to NRS-pro (the state reporting system) different way to input data and that changed our numbers. We created a OTE class for students to take before they take a GED. Test scores have improved 52% for students attending more hours.

Member Reports:

Sonja Banyacya-NAU-ED Opportunity Center-Holbrook

Admission forms are now on-line making it easy for students to access. Everything is running smoothly doing a lot of follow-ups. Visiting all sites except Chinle schedule really tight this month. GED test money forms are good for 30 day for all students. If not used within that time student must come back to get a new form.

Roxanne Dean-Job Corps-Winslow

Job corps works with clients 16-24 years old trying to find placement for them. Orientations for the program are only given in Phoenix. Starting August 17 we will be taking less intakes.

Claude Endfield-Early Childhood NPC

Received a child care academy grant of \$200,000. It will serve 60 TANF students to help them get their certification. DES has cut 58% of their budget. Fall semester is slow for the program. Do not want to cut program just modifying it.

Eric Henderson-Dean of Academic Development NPC

No report

Dawn Johnson-Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services NPC

We started Distance Learning for the GED students, who prefers to learn online. The state has required us do this. It's a GED curriculum for them to access on line and prepare for the GED test and it's all online. Instructors communicates with the students thru e-mail, telephone, texting, and all the difference ways to communicate. The only time they will see an instructor in a classroom is when the student is doing an Opportunity Through Education GED orientation which is a two-day workshop. Students do placement assessment, take a practice GED test, during the workshop they do a survey that is put out through the state. That survey helps us identify those students who are the ideal DL candidate. Through there we contact the students and offer that opportunity to them. There are always special circumstances especially for those students that are way out on remote sites and that can't get to the nearest campus to take the orientation. Only then will I go to them and meet with them at the nearest location to take the test. Another criteria for an ideal candidate is once they take assessment they must score at least a 6th grade level or above on the TABE because, when you start working on the curriculum online, you need to at least have that academic skill under your belt to function in that course and be successful. We have two

different courses for DL. Those who are interest in DL all over the Navajo nation will have to contact Zoe. It's the same as a three credit course of \$156 and an additional \$35 fee. It helps those students that want to get their GED faster, especially if they don't want or cannot travel very far. We have a more successful rate then before because we are more flexible this year. Program will focus more on curriculum

Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi

A pre-requisite for our clients before we send them to training is that they have good computer skills.

Zoe Payne- Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services NPC

Handed out flyers to everyone with the registration dates and times for classes at her sites and a GED testing schedule for the fall semester at PDC and WMC. Looking for a new site at Dilkon classes are on hold. Round Rock classes are on hold for a MOA and instructor. Distance learning students must have access to computer and internet.

Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Adult Vocational Training Program

Summer youth program started with 82 clients ages 16-24 last day of program is Friday and we only had 3 drop out. Taking applications for program and giving TABE 7/8 test but we do tell clients they will have to take TABE 9/10 if they take classes at NPC. Twenty of our clients are training off the reservation right now.

Lorie Singer-AAIC-WIA Program Winslow

Handed out flyers from Workforce for services available which are: career counseling & assessments, skills upgrading and/or retraining, job search assistance, job readiness training, work experience program, on-the-job training, support services. Only helping clients pay their rent at this time.

Next meeting date & Location: November 4, 2009 11:30-1:30

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