

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
February 18, 2009

Attending:

Marlene Begay-Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado
Jason Cash-WIA Show Low
Clara Chicharello- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance
Raylynda Cooley- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance
June Curtis- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado
Geneva Durkee- Navajo County Library District-Holbrook
Heidi Fulcher – Dean- Developmental Services NPC
Rickey Jackson- TLC Instructor, NPC
Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi
Karalea Kowren- Apache County Coordinator-NPC
Louella Nahsonhoya- Transition Specialist, NPC
Pat Natseway- Transition Specialist, NPC
Holly Nelson-WIA Show Low
Zoe Payne-Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services-NPC
Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Case Counselor
Tomie Zamora-Secretary to Dean-Developmental Services NPC
Sonja Banyacya
Minutes of November 19, 2008 meeting – Pat Natseway made motion to approve minutes
Louella Nahsonhoya seconded the motion.

Brief self introductions were made by all attending

NPC Reports: FY 09 grant projects overview: 3 grants all from Department of Education. \$197,500 has been spent out of our \$368,901 budget. Reframing budget still has text book scholarship money available. Professional learning for all TLC staff; three professional learning sessions are offered annually with three professional learning communities per semester. Also 5 instructors are in a professional development leadership academy where team develops in-house learning activities.

Transition/ASE reframing- refers to thinking about ASE (previously referred to a “GED”) in a new way – especially thinking of GED as a stepping stone to bigger, better things...ASE reframing federal core goals are placement in a job, retaining a job, advancing on the job, placement in post-secondary training. NPC “reframing” projects are: providing transition assistance: 2 transition specialists: Louella & Pat. Implementing mandatory orientation sessions for all GED candidates 2 parts: Opportunities through Education, GED celebration went very well..

Doing More with Less? College recession options-“cutbacks”(10% now with 20% next year) are to reduce part time faculty budget by 25%, freeze raises & hiring, reduce all salaries, limit travel in & out of district.

Leaner and more efficient? College recession options- "solutions" are to increase minimum class size to 15 students, increase full time faculty load, increase use of technology, and utilize other funding streams: Title III, shift budget allocations.

Distance learning & technology- by Zoe- 7 sites in Navajo nation at this time. Access is difficult to obtain on the reservations and/or remote rural areas. By group we mean, getting a group of people together who can possibly meet at a location that has a computer lab with internet access, meet once or twice a week, work on their course online, and communicate with their instructor at a distance.

Other projects: professional learning- 3rd year of pro learning sessions. Professional learning communities 3 per semester (instructors, LA's, coordinators) 2yr. Pro leadership final year cutting back on travel.

Fee waivers available for all TLC students taking 3-7 ½ credits \$54390 has been spent from our \$72,000 budget. Agency contributions are 78 students at 289.5 credits for a total of \$9,704.

Member Reports:

Rickey Jackson- TLC Instructor, NPC

New person on leadership academy AALL program. Dawn Johnson is our distance technology person. New project starting next week is the state teachers on adult numeracy with an \$800 fee to join.

Karalea Kowren- Apache County Coordinator-NPC

No report

June Curtis- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado

Recruiting and taking client applications. Last summer had 62 clients in program.

Raylynda Cooley- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance

NPC withdrew application for spring 2008 RFP. NPC should resubmit a proposal for the grant. NPC could receive \$800 each for 50 student's requirement is 50% employment placement to qualify for grant. Working on mass recruiting. \$2200 available for youth program ages 14-21 and \$1800 for adult program. Have clients working on a job shadow program. Unemployment is up to 75% now in our area. We have 22 clients attending NPC and 22 clients in schools in the valley. TANN contracts with schools working with local unions to get clients into a 15 month work program. PLATO program is helping clients to improve their skills. TABE test also used to help clients. Applications for our program are 54 pages. Would like NPC to start a summer program for their clients regarding college life.

Clara Chicharello- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance

In charge of 5 agency with 27 chapters

Marlene Begay-Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado

No report

Zoe Payne-Special Sites Coordinator-Developmental Services-NPC

Pinon is happy that classes are starting up again. St Michael's also wants classes. Classes are back at Chinle, Round Rock and Dilkon. Summer classes are in the works for Dilkon, Pinon, Chinle, and Ft. Defiance

Louella Nahsonhoya- Transition Specialist, NPC

For the GED ceremony 311 invitations were sent out. 14 students participated. This year's 2nd ceremony will be at Chinle. Last year only 3 students participated at Chinle ceremony. Making presentations at OTE classes seem to help students. Have been meeting one on one with students on a weekly basis. Wants the transition specialist program to continue next year.

Pat Natseway- Transition Specialist, NPC

Now seeing how orientations are helping and changes student lives it is helping students to move on whatever direction they are going in. Sonja helps students pay for GED test.

Jason Cash-WIA Show Low

Funding is slow. No new clients but taking applications.

Holly Nelson-WIA Show Low

Do GED scholarships expire? Orientation is appreciated it helps the students a lot. Taking waiting list of clients at this time

Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Case Counselor

Hopi Investment Act helps with GED and basic education. Have funds available for vocational program pays for class room training, rent, utilities, gas money, transportation, tuition & books also. Summer youth program has 30 kids' June-August. Adult education program clients ready for training. ABTP program also available

Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi

No report

Geneva Durkee- Navajo County Library District-Holbrook

Handouts given listing local job fairs and career events also how to write resume, cover letters Client must have email address to use this program on line.

Next meeting date & Location: May 5 11:30-1:30 MST

Adjourn:

