

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
May 5, 2009

Attending:

Trudy Anderson-AAIC-WIA Program-Winslow
Sonja Banyacya-NAU-ED Opportunity Center-Holbrook
Marlene Begay-Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado
Jason Cash-WIA Show Low
June Curtis- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado
Roxanne Dean-Job Corps-Winslow
Heidi Fulcher – Dean- Developmental Services NPC
Eric Henderson-Dean of Academic Development NPC
Kelley Horn-Job Services NPC
Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi
Yolanda Joseph- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance
Louella Nahsonhoya- Transition Specialist, NPC
Pat Natseway- Transition Specialist, NPC
Holly Nelson-WIA Show Low
Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Case Counselor
Lorie Singer-AAIC-WIA Program Winslow
Tomie Zamora-Secretary to Dean-Developmental Services NPC

Minutes of February 18, 2009 meeting –Louella Nahsonhoya made motion to approve minutes with corrections Jason Cash seconded the motion.

Brief self introductions were made by all attending

NPC Reports

Projects: Professional Learning, ASE Reframing, Data Improvement.

Professional Learning: For all TLC staff sessions are held 3 times annually everyone must attend one session which are held on Saturdays or you do not get rehired the next year. The learning communities have 8 teams meeting 3 times per semester instructors must attend all 3 at one site. Big project this year is student leaning we also have the professional Development Leadership Academy is a 3 year project with 5 meetings per year. The team develops in-house learning activities.

ASE is Adult Secondary Education “Reframing” refers to thinking about ASE (previously referred to as “GED”) in a new way-especially thinking of GED as a stepping stone to bigger, better things. There federal core goals are placement in a job, retaining a job, advancing on the job, placement in post-secondary training. NPC “reframing” projects: providing transition assistance: 2 transition specialists: Louella & Pat. The program is implementing mandatory orientation sessions for all GED candidates in 2 parts: Opportunities through Education and Orientation to GED. We do not think the Reframing grant will get renewed. It was successful.

GED completers receive 3 free credits and we are giving 3 credits free the 2nd semester plus \$200 book scholarships. Orientations are not going away just adjusting it a bit.

Distance learning is in its 2nd year. Dawn and Zoe went to Whitecone 2 weeks ago and no students showed up. We will try again to set distance learning up at that site. Had 7 students last year in distance learning and only 4 students this year.

College recession options "cutbacks" are reducing part time faculty budget by 25%, Freezing raises and Hiring, reducing all salaries, limiting travel in & out of district. 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.

Member Reports:

Trudy Anderson-AAIC-WIA Program-Winslow

No Report

Sonja Banyacya-NAU-ED Opportunity Center-Holbrook

Attending the GED orientations this semester post secondary is the goal for most clients. Have been referring clients who want jobs to Kelly Horn at NPC. Most students will wait till fall or spring semester to start classes. NAU office in Holbrook has closed down. Students can go on line for services.

Marlene Begay-Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado

Referred six students for summer session classes at Greasewood. Will be receiving stimulus money soon and will be hiring two new caseworkers.

Jason Cash-WIA Show Low

Our program in Navajo county is working with at risk students (15 students per site) in Holbrook and Show Low. We are also working on a partnership with NPC for different programs.

June Curtis- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ganado

Agency has money in budget and is recruiting for adult and youth programs. Getting ready for the summer youth program.

Roxanne Dean-Job Corps-Winslow

Will be doing placement orientation in Phoenix on Monday morning. Clients must show up everyday, be on time, dress properly, ready to work and eager to learn. Passed out Pathway to Success flyers

Eric Henderson-Dean of Academic Development NPC

No report

Kelley Horn-Job Services NPC

Two day life skills workshop for students 14-24 summer youth program for WIA. Tentative program scheduled in September its 2 career programs interact with jobs. First day is Job prep

day on Saturday Cosmetology will be giving free hair cuts and a "store" will be set up with inexpensive dresses/outfits to get students ready for job interviews etc... October 1st is career fair in Winslow.

Melvina Johnson-WIA Hopi

Sending clients to take GED test in 2 days so we do not overload the client.

Yolanda Joseph- Navajo Department of Workforce Development Ft. Defiance

June Tackett is doing a great job teaching at Ft. Defiance. 60-70% of the students are getting their GED's. Working on building to get the classroom up and running again.

Louella Nahsonhoya- Transition Specialist, NPC

Going to class sites and helping students with transition researching their choices and what they want to pursue. Referring them to agencies. Helping with orientations, checking student records trying to find out why students are not passing the GED. Students are not taking the advice of the instructor most should take classes to improve their skills before testing. Some of the students have test anxiety or are just not paying attention to the instructor. Program is important and should continue it really helps students. 12 GED completers last ceremony hoping to get more completers this next ceremony being held at Hopi.

Pat Natseway- Transition Specialist, NPC

Students are having a lower GED passing rate since January. Tells student to get to the ASE scale before they take the GED test so they can pass it saves time and money. Need to change the timeline for GED test after they take the orientation. Ninety days sounds reasonable.

Holly Nelson-WIA Show Low

Dislocated program has funds available but is hard to get clients to class for more then one semester clients have to work to support families. Have stimulus money available for youth program only finding new areas of training for them. Would not want clients testing if scores are lower then 460/70 need higher scores for clients to pass GED.

Marcella Silas-WIA Hopi Tribe Adult Vocational Training Program

WIA and ABT program's have money available for 70+ students and are working together to get people ready for Phoenix training. Have 3-4 GED students at Hopi how need to retest. Accepting clients for health program which is open to high school and college students. Our case workers make sure clients are ready to test and have them take the test in two days.

Lorie Singer-AAIC-WIA Program Winslow

Funding is almost spent out for the year. WIA is only taking applications at this time for rental and utilities assistance.

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

Adjourn: