

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
April 30, 2008

Attending:

Edith Anderson – Student, NPC
Marlene Begay - NDWD
Willie Begay – Special Sites Coordinator – Developmental Services, NPC
Helen Billy – Chinle Dine Empowerment Center, TANF
June Curtis – NDWD
Claude Endfield – ECD Program Coordinator, NPC
Heidi Fulcher – Dean – Developmental Services NPC
Dawn Johnson – Special Sites Coordinator – Developmental Services, NPC
Louella Nahsonhoya – Transition Specialist, NPC
Lorraine Singer – AAIC – WI Program
Debbie Thomas – Family Advocate – Head Start Snowflake Agency
Tomie Zamora – Secretary to the Dean of Developmental Services, NPC

NPC Report:

Heidi Fulcher – Dean, Division of Developmental Services, NPC:

Dilkon site is having some issues. The air conditioner and/or heater often do not work, and they schedule other meetings that conflict with our class time. We are seeking a better classroom.

Pima, Coconino County, and NPC are in a pilot program for GED. Program has an orientation called “Opportunities through Education” and a GED Orientation. Each is about 7 hours. After completing the classes the GED candidate will be given a referral form to take the GED test. Students will not be able to take test without a referral.

Summer I will have classes at all the campuses, Hopi Center, Kayenta Center, St. Johns, Whiteriver and maybe Springerville. Summer II will have classes at the campuses and Whiteriver, all other sites are closed.

Budget review: Tuition In-kind was \$63,800; we spent \$45,000; which leaves us \$18,000 for summer school. The Allied Health pilot budget, provided everything for students this year but we will not have monies available next year; therefore, we will buy supplies now. EL/Civics budget will be spent this summer on a reservation project. Distance Learning budget surplus will be used to buy supplies. Reframing budget has surplus in the textbook budget; we have not done a good job of getting students to use the textbook scholarship money.

The 90-page Grant proposal was due on April 14. We submitted NPC’s proposal a week before the deadline; we have no feedback yet. Money is available, the same as before. The next step should be to negotiate with the Department of Education regarding our proposal.

Technology: We have ordered new equipment for our sites. The new computers, printers, and laptops will be made available to students use in class. Updating the computer technology in the

labs on campus and centers Information Services has already decided where these new computers will be.

Navajo County WIB Report – Gail Sadler, WIA – Navajo County:
No Report

Member Reports

Edith Anderson – Student, Northland Pioneer College:
No report

Marlene Begay – NDWD:
No report

Willie Begay – Special Sites Coordinator – Developmental Services, NPC:
Three weeks left in this semester. Graduation is June 6 at Fort Defiance. Pinon classes got a late start. Changes for this fall are we might close Chinle High School instructor quit and move to Round Rock.

Helen Billy – Chinle Dine Empowerment Center, TANF:
Clients at lower levels are shy. These clients are at ABE/ASE ESL reading scores low. Our program would like other programs to help us with clients needing basic education ESL classes. Clients need help with transportation and child care.

June Curtis – NDWD:
June 30th is the end of fiscal year. Trying to get other programs involved to get clients enrollment up will be meeting with directors to get help. Program is doing well have clients in Phoenix, Tucson, Albuquerque. We will be checking on clients at those sites soon. Recruiting clients for fall classes now. Program will not accept repeaters. Program does have twelve thousand dollars available per client for tuition and living expenses. Jobs are hard to find in our area.

Claude Enfield – Northland Pioneer College:
A Cross-Cultural Helping Skills workshop is scheduled at Kayenta June 8th-13th. Transportation is free from PDC for students enrolled in the class. Students may stay in the dorms at no additional cost but they must pay for meals. Early Childhood Professional training at PDC June 2nd – 13th call phone number on flyer for more information. Fifteen members attended yesterday's meeting.

Dawn Johnson – Northland Pioneer College:
OTE (Orientation through Education) is a distance learning program that is mostly on computers for GED prep. Seven students are in program now we will know the outcomes at the end of the semester but it looks like three students will continue classes. We have used ABE funds to purchase 12 laptops and 6 printers; these are for in-class use only. Vista Microsoft program will be installed on the laptops. Dawn is writing NPC's ABE technology plan; this is due to the state at the end of June. Have taken student surveys and If you don't come you don't learn if you don't

learn you don't succeed. Vista is a new operating program that Microsoft is putting out for us to use, which we will be merging into. By next year we will have new computer and new technology to offer to the students for our distant leaning or other courses on campus. In our curriculum we have certain activities that are integrated in the system that need the computer along with the Internet- to look up certain items and to do research.

Louella Nahsonhoya - Northland Pioneer College:

Students are looking for summer jobs. Survey taken by students say that students are "burned out", attendance is not strong and 59% of students have family problems. Sanders students need transportation. GED Completer's ceremony is scheduled for June 6th at Chinle.

Lorraine Singer – AAIC – WI Program:

Has some clients in program that might be able to work in developmental office. Has a lot of money to spend on clients to get them back into the workforce. Can not pay for classes but can pay for testing like the CNA test.

Debbie Thomas – Family Advocate – Head Start Snowflake Agency:

Head Start applications are now in Spanish and English. Two parents passed the GED test and one will be taking the test soon.

Next Meeting Date and Location:

August 5, 2008

11:30-1:00

CEC Holbrook