

The Learning Cornerstone
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
November 4, 2004

Attending:

Sonja Banyacya - NAU
Virginia K Begay - SWRO/DSS Dilcon
Helen Billy - NDWD Chinle
Phil Bluehouse - Ganado Unified School
June Curtis - NDWD Greasewood
Roxanne Dean - Affiliation of AZ Indian Center
Heidi Fulcher - NPC Dean of Developmental Services
Heidi Hatch - Head Start Holbrook
Pauline John - SWRO/DSS Dilcon
Rose A John - Navajo County Library District
Louis Jumper - Cedar Public School Keams
Lisa Maestas - Head Start Snowflake
Priscilla Towne - NDWD Ft. Defiance
Gail Sadler - WIA
Cathy Whitehorn - Cedar Public School Keams
Mike Winney - Head Start Ft. Defiance
Tomie Zamora - NPC

Minutes of August 12, 2004 meeting were approved.

NPC Report:

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

November 15th is the first day of spring registration. By extending registration dates NPC is hoping to provide better service for students. Adult education students will fill out the paperwork then and hold them until arena registration on January 3. Hopefully ITA's will come in on time. ABE scholarships are for tuition only and this semester we paid for 162 clients with 654 credits so far. Students can still sign up for more classes this semester if they are a .5 or 1 credit class. That gives the students enough time for them to finish before the end of the semester. The Arizona Systems Ready Child Ready/Project is working with students who work in early childhood programs who need to get their degrees. Last semester 80% of the students completed English classes. In July they had a 3-4 day conference at Sunrise which was very successful. This semester the students are working on math. At the Arizona ABE directors meeting last month we received an award for making our goals. NPC is working on getting a test site for GED in Holbrook by February. A pilot project that's in the works is a Title 3 grant for distance learning with on-line tutoring.

WIA Report:

Navajo County- Gail Sadler

No GED Plus until summer, classes will be at LCC and WMC maybe starting in April and finishing by June 30th, classes will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Concentrating on vocational programs: C N A, Building Trades, and Clerical. The clerical program at LCC will finish December 17th. Springerville and WMC have 10-12 clients. The program can take TANF qualified clients. WIA would like medical assistant program and is working with Doug Ressler. San Juan in Farmington has a 5-state grant for 745 student for CDL training. The 5-week program will pay room, board, and school supplies.

Member Reports:

Helen Billy – NDWD – Chinle:

Thanked committee for all the work they do. Is interested in the GED Plus program for her location. Chinle High School has helped with classroom usage. TANF program has 29 students most are working on their GED's. Three of those students received their diplomas. Most clients want diplomas not GED's. New WIA board has been chosen. San Juan College has DOL 5-state contract. Blanding-state of Utah.

Louis Jumper – Cedar Public School – Keams Canyon:

Starting a new high school that will open July 2005 for 200 students. "Rodeo High School" is still under construction not much money available for the project. Would like a vocational program at the school. Also there is not much money available for athletics at the high school. His role is to open the school.

Cathy Whitehorn – Cedar Public School – Keams Canyon:

Is secretary for "Rodeo High School" and she is excited about the new start.

June Curtis – Greasewood NDWD S1 Office- Ganado:

Has money available. TLC students at Greasewood, Dilcon, and PDC. Sending students to Whitecone GED project have 15 clients signed up. Students want diplomas not GED's. Marlene and June would like project in Ganado. Working with Ganado High School on a vocational training project.

Roxanne Dean- Affiliation of AZ Indian Centers – Winslow:

WIA project is to develop GED and classroom experience.

Rose A John- Navajo County Library District – Holbrook:

Library grant can buy Adult Literacy books for 12 branches. Working on several grants for adult literature. Shared text collection.

Mike Winney- Department of Head Start – Ft. Defiance:

In 2006 all teachers must have their B.A. Staff need GED or high school diplomas right now. Also administrator project. Have a lot of staff turnovers. Working on a plan to help the 42 centers, 860 children and 45 staff members in the area.

Pauline John- Dilcon SWRO/DSS – Indian Wells:

Students going to Dilcon and Greasewood. Need a class at Whitcone/Indian Wells area. Clients have transportation problems. Was a reentry student herself.

Virginia K Begay- Dilcon SWRO/DSS – Leupp:

Shares with clients how good it is to go back to school.

Lisa Maestas- Snowflake Head Start – Snowflake:

Referred 6 parents to take the GED test.

Heidi Hatch- Holbrook Head Start – Holbrook:

Has an increase of parents wanting to take the GED. Program is helping to pay for the test.

