

The Learning Cornerstone  
Community Advisory Committee Meeting  
August 14, 2007

Attending:

Elena Antonio – WMAT – Education Dept Adult Ed Program  
Sarah Antonio – Resident Service Coordinator – White Mountain Housing Authority  
Sonja Banyacya – NAU – Education Opportunity Center  
Willie Begay – Special Sites Coordinator – Developmental Services, NPC  
Geneva Durkee – Navajo County Library District  
Heidi Fulcher – Dean – Developmental Services NPC Winslow  
Eric Henderson – Vice President of Learning – Northland Pioneer College  
Harold Hoover – Navajo County Library District  
Rose John – Navajo County Library District  
Pat Natseway – Transition Specialist, Northland Pioneer College  
Tomie Zamora – Secretary to the Dean of Developmental Services, NPC

NPC Report:

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

ABE will no longer pay for tuition. The grant now pays part of the instructor salary with NPC paying the tuition. The form was changed to Tuition-in-kind – with \$66,000 available for the 07-08 fiscal year. This is roughly the same amount budgeted in the grant for tuition last year.

Preliminary FY 07 Report

Approximately 510 students on the data base from July 2006 to June 2007, 300 people passed the GED at NPC. We now have to match the GED passes with our students and record the gains for each student. ADE report due by tomorrow to the state.

Fall 07 Happenings

Three professional development activities to focus on student orientation and goal setting are scheduled with two in October and one in February 2008. A state conference is scheduled the last week of classes in December making it difficult for our instructors to attend. New forms for our NRS program are the “data capture form” that now asks about military status, amount of money earned last year. It also asks for a new pin number. This form will soon be scanable. The “assessment and goals record” is similar to the old form. It now takes 3 sheets to collect all the data ADE wants us to report on each student.

“Regular” Adult Education grant.

This year’s adult education funds were allocated based on a needs formula by county. There are 36 thousand adults in the Navajo and Apache Counties who do not have a GED or high school diploma; therefore the state increased NPC’s regular adult education funding by 40% for FY 08. These funds are packaged in several grants (making record keeping even more challenging).

Special Projects

In addition to “regular” adult education monies, the state issued RFP’s for several special projects. NPC was funded for two of these projects:

Reframing-. (ASE is Adult Secondary Education)

The ASE Reframing Grant offers students who have taken ABE/GED preparation courses with NPC, and passed the GED a \$200 textbook scholarship per term (for up to two terms, through Summer I 2008). Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA to retain their eligibility. This is only for students taking coursework at NPC; students are also eligible for a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 6 credit tuition waiver. For several years now students who pass GED at NPC are given a 1 term 6-credit tuition waiver.

Allied Health –

Students on the Allied Health grant are taking TLC math and reading classes along with their nursing assistant (NAT) classes. The grant is paying for scrubs, watch, tuition, books, supplies and instruction. Referring agencies (Navajo and Apache Workforce Partnership and Chinle Workforce are paying for students tuition and support services.

### Member Reports

Sonja Banyacya – NAU Ed. Opportunity Center Holbrook:

The only change in our program is that GED waiver was lowered to \$50.00. Having problems with students not showing up to class district wide. This year's grant is ending August 31, 2007.

Sarah Antonio – Resident Service Coordinator – White Mountain Housing Authority:

Thirteen clients have passed the GED program since 2005 with six passes since spring 2007. The housing authority will have a GED orientation tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Clients are having problems finding information on-line. The Housing Authority has submitted a grant renewal.

Elena Antonio – WMAT – Education Dept Adult Ed Program:

Fall programs started today have 638 free programs available. Classes are for clients 18 years and up. Having problems with drop out rate. Clients can re-enroll four times with 6 month between first and second re-enrollment and nine months between the second and third time etc. Have three clients who have started college after going thru the program. Program PART report is due to the state soon.

Eric Henderson – Vice President of Learning – Northland Pioneer College

No report

Harold Hoover – Navajo County Library District:

In charge of the county web site/mobile sites at the Holbrook library. Is able to teach one day basic computer skills training classes where needed. Library has 14 lab tops available to make these trainings available to the public. Will add a link to library web page for public access to software.

Rose John – Navajo County Library District:

Is in charge of processing all books and/or information coming into the Holbrook library. Materials are available for ABE students at each library.

Geneva Durkee-Navajo County Library District:

Provided a demonstration of the library website and key links. Would like to demonstrate further at our next meeting.

Pat Natseway – Transition Specialist, Northland Pioneer College:

Pinon students could use the basic computer classes offered by Harold Hoover.

Willie Begay – Special Sites Coordinator – Developmental Services, NPC:

Had ten students registered at Chile for the fall semester. Registration at Ft. Defiance is today with registration at Ganado and Greasewood tonight.

Next Meeting Date and Location

November 7, 2007

11:30-1:00

CEC Holbrook