

**Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting**  
Tuesday April 16, 2013  
Painted Desert Campus, Room 143, Nizhoni Learning Center

The meeting was **called to order** at 10:10 a.m. by Bob Zaccaria. In attendance were:

Ben Hanley, Sr.	Community member
Lori Reynolds	School House Pals, HUSD
Bob Zaccaria	Community member
Julia Fairbanks	HUSD Preschool
Melinda Naranjo	NPC, ECD office aide
Marina Powdermaker	NPC, ECD faculty
Kate Dobler-Allen	FTF Navajo-Apache Regional Partnership Council
Betsy Peck	NPC, ECD faculty, Recruitment to Field grant
Leola Larzelere	White Mtn. Apache Head Start
Ann Hanley	NPC, ECD faculty
Claude S Endfield	ECD Program Chair

**Excused** due to the winter storm and travel conditions were: Judy Haubert, Sandy Johnson, Etta Baldwin, Cotillion Sneddy, Melissa Begay, Rhonda Etsitty, Catherine Mulligan, Bernita K, Vicky Young

Bob Zaccaria motioned that the meeting minutes of Jan 29, 2012 be approved as corrected with the spelling of Grover corrected. Lori Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Endfield provided the following EC **Program updates**:

- **DES/PCPP Scholarships:** 92 people enrolled for 244 credits
- **ECD Gen .ED. Scholarships** available for \$5,500: one application approved
- **F:TSE** Spring 2013 was not available CDA 54.1 FTSE for 2013 vs 59.0 for spring 2012. Additional figures not yet received.
- **FTF NN CDA MOU** (\$296,874 up to June 30<sup>th</sup>. July 1<sup>st</sup> budget \$196,528. 67 enrolled, 29 applied for CDAs.
- **FTF Recruitment to Field MOU;** (\$90,000) Flat funded. 34 new to field recruited.
- **SOAR** Requirement: only one student not served because of mandate. Ten one on one session provided.
- **REWARD\$:** 15 NN applications and 26 Navajo-Apache applications received. Applications for N-A region were closed March 4<sup>th</sup> although application period ended at end of April due to funding having been spent during Fall application period. NPC receives \$75 per completed application. Funds used when no other funding available.
- **CDA 2.0:** a handout of the proposed calendar for changes was distributed. New system going into place 6-01-13. All applications for assessment under current system must be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup>. There are quite a few changes in the application process, most use of technology. CDA Renewal also changed, will be

only good for three years, doing away with 5 year renewals and paper renewal will cost \$100 while online will cost \$75. Need for new Specialists who are replacing CDA Reps.

- **Early Childhood Fair:** October 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee set at \$35, an additional \$32 will be charged in participant registers the 0.5 credit. Barbara Milner was mentioned as possible keynoter. First planning meeting will be 4-26-13 at Holbrook Head Start.
- **Student Outcomes:** 18 philosophy statements received. 73% met 50% requirement. 18% met 75%.
- **Summer School:** a calendar will be put out for ECD 180 Stress Mgmt and EDU 202 and 203.
- **Fall Schedule:** ECD 222 and ECD 250 scheduled on audio/video systems. ECD 200 and ECD 250 will be offered in Chinle and Window Rock area for FTF participants. New **Infant Toddler Guidelines** are out from State Dept. of Education. Several have attended the training provided in Show Low.
- **Navajo Nation FTF** will hosted a conference on “Play” in Tuba City in March. Judy, Claude, Cotillion and Etta presented/participated.
- **Tuition** will be increased to \$64/credit August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Concurrent enrollment** will be available for 3 high schools only next year. Winslow closing it’s program.
- **NN FTF MOU** will have Quality Assurance visit May 1 & 2, 2013.
- Handout of information was provided re: **AZ. E C Workforce Registry** from BUILD and the Professional Development Work Group

Ben Hanley moved that Ms. Endfield’s report be accepted. Seconded by Kate Dobler-Allen.

**Other:**

**Recognition ceremony** for Certificate completers. It was decided to recognize completers for certificates, degrees and/or CDA Credentials at Early Childhood Fair.

**New co-chairs** will be Lori Reynolds and Julia Fairbanks.

**EDU Teacher Assistant** program still transitioning.

**Member reports:**

Julia Fairbanks reported that 18 children were found through their Child Find. Kindergarten transition day will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Holbrook has 4 preschool classes and Indian Wells have 4 classes. Her special needs case load is about 23 students.

Bob Zaccaria reported he has been working with Residential students and following up on grade changes. There have been more cutbacks in dorms and enrollments are down;

more students being bussed, choosing to be with families during week. He has been doing some training at some schools.

Ben Hanley reported he has been busy at community/chapter. There is interest in the HUS classes but money limits some students.

Ann Hanley stated that she has been continuously working with some of her former NN PSR Child Care Academy students. 12 received their CDA's, one her GED. 2 students still waiting to be assessed with one working on an appeal and one working for a Certificate.

Kate reported that the Navajo-Apache Grantee Coordination meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at Show Low NPC. The FTF Early Childhood Summit will be Aug 25-27 at Phoenix Children's Center. She will be back from maternity leave after Veteran's day. She also reported that there is a new strategy out for Request for Proposals: Community Based Profession Development for early childhood educators for coaching/mentoring onsite for child care programs on wait list for Quality First. This grant will expand number of Quality First programs by one site.

Betsy Peck expressed concern about long wait for approvals for students to enroll. Several students have withdrawn. She is excited about assisting with 4 CDA assessments.

Marina expressed that her ECD 220 Preschool Behavior class is going well and students feel it is a helpful class. The class was scheduled as result of information from FTF Needs and Assets report. She will be attending Brain Development Conference in B.C. during the summer.

Lori stated she had no additional needs to add. She does have an enrollment of 25 at School House Pals.

Leola reported she has 8 ECD enrolled students, 2 are up for CDA assessment and 1 for renewal. The serve 252 children and Fridays are training days. The program is applying for Quality First. She briefly discussed the effects of sequestration. There is discussion about having new head start buildings at Cibecue and in McNary.

Next meeting date: Sept 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Betsy motion to adjourn the meeting. Marina seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Claude S. Endfield and Melinda Naranjo