

NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE
Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 29, 2013
PDC Campus, classroom #142
Holbrook, AZ

Approved 4/12/13

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Julia Fairbanks, Co-Chair.

In attendance were:

Vicky Young	Prescott College
Gloria A. Grower	Hopi Head Start
Catherine Mulligan	NACOG Head Start
Betsy Peck	NPC, FTF Recruitment to Field Faculty
Cotillion Sneddy	NPC, FTF Navajo Nation CDA project Faculty
Julia Fairbanks	Holbrook Unified School District Pre-K
Judy Haubert	NPC, Faculty
Sandy Johnson	NPC, EDU Faculty
Bernita Kuwaninvaya	Hopi Child Care
Melissa Begay	Navajo Nation FTF Director
Eric Henderson	NPC, Dean of Arts & Sciences
Marina Powdermaker	NPC, Faculty
Claude Endfield	NPC, E C Program Chair
Melinda Naranjo	NPC, E C Office Aide

Excused were Etta Baldwin, Ricky Jackson and Bob Zaccaria.

Betsy Peck motioned and Marina seconded that the Sept. 22, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Unanimously approved.

Dean Henderson made a report re: declining enrollment overall at NPC due to several reasons: NAVIT now has to have a work prep focus. E C enrollment has been pretty consistent. The long term financial effects to college due to expenditure limitations law and the inability to spend what comes in.

Ms. Endfield presented the following program Updates:

- DES/PCPP Scholarships: Fall 231 credits enrolled for 86 students, spring 130 credits for 45 students
- ECD Gen. Ed. Scholarships: \$5,500 available per year. Two applied for spring; 1 awarded; Dr. Henderson commented that we may need to reconsider increasing the amount awarded per student.
- FTSE: Fall 2012 data (handout provided) Spring 2012: total 84.73 Fall 2012: total 89.33. Figures for EDU and HUS combined with other programs
- FTF NN CDA MOU: (\$296,874) 83 participants, in 27 locations, 22 awaiting results
- FTF Recruitment to Field MOU (\$90,000): 54 enrolled for Fall. Quality Assurance visit scheduled May 1 & 2. NN CDA faculty need to be available for interviews or document review.

- NN PSR Child Care Academy: some participants still being assessed, first home visitor applicant assessed last week
- SOAR requirements: Students with 12 or less credits have to complete this orientation; impacting people in the workforce. It was decided that a letter would be written requesting adjustment for EC students: need more flexibility due to ECD being open ended program, discourages students; suggested that a letter be written asking for allowances for ECD due to nature of program.
- REWARD\$ (FTF): Fall 2011, 22 applicants, 1 declined; Sp 2012 52 applicants, 13 declined; Fall 2012 54 applicants (33 declined). Catherine Mulligan stated she was going to check on NACOG's participation in Quality First Program waiting list.
- CDA 2.0: Changes in assessment procedures effective June 1st; at present time no recommended changes in coursework for applicants; NPC faculty recommended to apply to be Early Childhood specialists for the Council. CDA renewal Amnesty extended to May 31, 2013
- Grade change policy: Only 1 additional semester to finish outstanding module work, "I" or "W" to be issued if student hasn't completed. Does impact FA and third party support.
- Early Childhood Fair: Agreed through discussion that NPC should still sponsor: October 5th. at SCC, Snowflake. 0.5 credit will be \$31 tuition if participants desire credit. Plus \$35 overall conference registration fee for all attendees. "Save the Date" post cards will be mailed out before end of semester. Planning committee will meet prior to end of semester.

Council Member reports:

Judy Haubert reported that she has 1 CDA assessment this spring and as a CDA Rep. been assigned 6 assessments in Phnx. area. She works in Winslow, Leupp, and Tolani Lake area. She reminded everyone of the Special Ed. (AZ DEC) conference being held March 2nd in Phnx. and she distributed fliers.

Vicky Young from Prescott College reported they had their 1st Helios graduate who is from Cow Springs on Navajo Nation earn their bachelor's degree; this is its final year. 17-18 students still involved with Helios scholarships still available to assist them.

Catherine Mulligan reported that there will be a CLAS training at NPC on Feb. 15th. Five NPC faculty will be allowed to attend. They had completed the I PAD research project and she hopes to share results next meeting.

Marina Powdermaker, ECD full time faculty member shared she was teaching ECD 220: Challenging Behaviors this semester in addition to advising modules in Ft. Defiance, Navajo N.M, Hopi villages and Holbrook, Show Low areas. She will be attending with NPC funding a five day Brain Development Conference in Vancouver during summer.

Betsy Peck, Recruitment to Field E C Faculty, shared more data re: her students: 34 enrolled for this semester with 18 pending enrollment; MOU paid for 9 students to enroll in two traditional classes; 12 new to the field students have been recruited with 10 returning; 7 enrolled in CDA Assessment Prep. One child care center in area is closing but two of the staff plan to continue providing care in their homes; She is excited about her work. Students want more information about Quality First and REWARD\$. She is working with staff from 5 head start centers, 7 centers and 12 home providers/community members as students. Seven of her students are enrolled in the Development Profiles course sequence of 4 credits.

Gloria Grover reported that Hopi Head Start has one male assistant teacher assistant in CDA process and 1 staff member ready for student teaching. They have a new center at Polacca. 195 students are enrolled.

Sandy Johnson reported Fall enrollment down, not enough night and weekend classes to help those furthest away from campuses. 12 students should graduate with AAEE this spring. Briefly discussed NAVIT program and the State's distinction between CTE and academic programs for funding. There is a shift toward developing career skills.

Melissa Begay reported that at the end of August, First Things First will again hold their annual Early Childhood Summit. Requests for presentations have gone out. There are still some issues with the Navajo Head Start centers that had been enrolled as Quality First sites due to lack of the signing of the MOU with Navajo Nation. This will be re-discussed in June. A workshop is scheduled on April 15th in Tuba City as part of the Week of the Young Child "Play: Where Learning Begins". Workshop is free.

Cotillion Sneddy, faculty with NN CDA project (MOU with NPC) reported she spends a lot of time driving and will have 12 students ready for assessment with two currently awaiting assessment results..

Bernita Kuwaninvaya from Hopi Child Care reported that she has a new CDA'd staff and one in process of applying for assessment. She has been out of her office a lot the past couple of months.

Julia Fairbanks left a written report as she had to leave early. "HUSD Preschool is participating in a statewide Early Childhood autism Project. Their team of 5 just completed a training with STAR Autism and will begin implementing the program in district preschools."

Review/evaluation of Philosophy statements for student outcomes assessment was postponed to be done by a volunteer committee.

Ms. Endfield shared that the Apache Families First parenting conference has been cancelled for this school year. Information was shared about the Young Child Conference in Glendale, AZ on March 9th.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday, April 16th.

Vicky moved meeting be adjourned. Bernita seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude S. Endfield, ECD Program Chair