

NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE
Early Childhood, Educational Assistant and Residential Child and Youth Care
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Julia Fairbanks, Holbrook Unified District Pre-School. Also in attendance were:

Linda George	Show Low High School E C. Program
Connie Bahe	FACE Program, Leupp Schools
Gloria Chee	FACE Program, Leupp Schools
Elizabeth Flake	NPC
Rhonda Etsitty	TEACH Early Childhood Arizona
Judy Haubert	NPC
Kate Dobler-Allen	First Things First, Navajo-Apache Region
Bob Zaccaria	Retired RCYC, NPC
Mae L Begay	Kayenta Community School, RCYC
Vicky Young, PhD	Prescott College
Claude Endfield	NPC
Bernita Kuwaninvaya	Hopi Tribal Child Care
Ann M Hanley	NPC
Bennie Hanley Sr.	RCYC, Community member

Kate Dobler-Allen moved and Bob Zaccaria seconded that the minutes of the Feb. 16th minutes be approved as corrected. Spring Break dates were corrected. A typo in the last paragraph re: date grants are due for FTF. should read March 23rd. Unanimously approved as corrected.

ECD Program Chair provided the following update:

- DES/PCPP Scholarships for Spring: 180 credits approved for 80 students
- ECD Gen. ED. Scholarships: \$5,500 for year. Some problems with awards. If students have graduated they are ineligible. 12 issued.
- In-kind tuition scholarships provided for a variety of courses.
- Apache Families First (FTF) Grant: will be entering 3rd funding year, WMA Regional Partner Council approved for refunding.
- Community Based Training grant (FTF) All trainings had been held before Nov. Third survey monkey will be distributed to all program directors in Apache and Navajo Counties.
- Director Mentoring FTF Grant: renewal approved. Two program directors applying. 4 slots available.
- Navajo Nation Program Self-Reliance Child Care Academy: began with 60, several dropped. During summer two day CDA Assessment Prep/Orientation workshop scheduled.
- Navajo Nation (FTF) CDA Training grant – only one adjunct faculty member hired; some continuing in summer school. 5 applications for assessments in Fall early winter submitted. More to be sent off June 1st.

- ECD/EDU Full time faculty status: interviews held; decision pending
- Tuition increase: \$60 credit beginning August 1st.
- Fall 2011 course scheduling: ECD 250 Child Development I, ECD 251 Child Development II, ECD 222: Early Childhood Special Needs
- Student outcomes assessment: March 2011 results discussed. Number of philosophy statements meeting 50% of criteria at 92% and 31%, also an increase met the 75% criteria

It was discussed and decided to go ahead and schedule a ceremony for Certificate of Proficiency completers week after NPC graduation. Claude to notify completers.

March, 2011 3rd Annual Apache Families First Parenting Conference successful. High School students helped with conference and workshop presentations. FCCLA at Holbrook earned 2 gold medals; Alchesay earned 5 silver medals at Ste competition. Holbrook High to send gold medal winners to national competition.

Dates to remember:

Summer School: May 23 – August 1, 2011

26th Annual Early Childhood Fair, Sept 24th, Snowflake SCC campus

ECD 199: Early Childhood Administrator's Institute: June 4th, Snowflake SCC Campus

Judy Haubert and Kate volunteered to serve on Early Childhood Fair planning committee.

Unanimous decision to postpone revision of By Laws until next meeting

Election of Officers: Julia and Bob nominated and accepted as co-chairs for one year. Kate nominated, Mae seconded. Unanimous vote. Bob Z. moved and Gloria seconded that Liz Flake be recording secretary for Early Childhood Advisor Council meetings. Unanimously approved.

Member reports:

Julia Fairbanks: Holbrook School District. Indian Wells will have 2 preschools open in the fall and there will be 2 classes in Holbrook. Holbrook classes will be moving to Hulet next fall where they will have accessibility to nurse. The program includes peer modules for 3 year olds and older children.

Linda George: Show Low High School, Cubby Hole Pre-School, 10 seniors graduating; EC program is growing. Serving 12 to 13 preschoolers with 1 paraprofessional and high school ecd students.

Connie Bahe: Parent educator, FACE program, Leupp Schools. Infants to 3's; 44 families served; 2 para-educators; new curriculum being used, family recruitment being done at WIC office. Connie will be applying for CDA assessment.

Gloria Chee: FACE program serves adults who go to school with child up to age 5. All day, center based program, 50 families served. 4 adults applying for their GEDs; she is working on her e.c. endorsement for special needs. They are starting a new tracking system.

Liz Flake: NPC CTE Program. Attended meeting re: questions about capacity building.
Rhonda Etsitty: Distributed information re TEACH program.

Judy Haubert, NPC, reported that ECD 251: Child Development II was offered in spring semester on-line.

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director, FTF, stated all contract renewals were approved by Navajo Apache Regional Partnership Council and should be approved on June 13 by State Board. The NARPC has 13 members with 1 vacancy: faith based and 1 at large member. She presented an overview on Quality First which will become a “forever” program. Once a center becomes a Quality First program, they will have access to supports as center moves up on quality scale with dollar amounts increasing. There will be a public forum on June 1st, 5 – 7 p.m. in Flagstaff for people who work with young children who may want to apply. An agreement with ESA for a one year planning period has been entered into for the lab school. The next 14 months will be spent building a business plan. SUMMIT and Navajo County Health dept. are working on developing a follow-up home visiting program. Summit Hospital will have a “magic bus” available for preventative screenings and community awareness. A Child Care Health Consultant should begin by 6-1-11 to be available to Quality First programs and 15 licensed program within Navajo and Apache counties. Navajo County has been providing “free” dental varnishes for children birth to five. Early literacy services are also being provided. “Free” community based training sessions have been provided and PCPP scholarships will now be expanded in NA RPC area. REWARD\$ incentives will be available for well-trained educators to keep them in the field. Community colleges verify applications for the REWARD\$ program.

Bob Z reported he was retired from BIA but providing training part time at some of the schools and working with Dorzac Services.

Mae Begay reported she had been busy writing grants.

Vicky Young reported that Prescott College is one of the first colleges to offer an early childhood bachelor’s degree which is the only way to raise standards for quality. She shared information about the HELIOS grant Prescott College has received.

Benita Kuwaninvaya reported her program has one center based site and program also works with other centers and homes serving children both on and off Hopi Reservation. She has been working on a strategic plan and their refunding plans are due. She has been participating in the Hopi Leadership program. Her program has a mentor and HCC consultant available as a Quality First Program and staff have been participating in TEACH and REWARD\$.

Ann Hanley briefly shared about the NNPSR program she is working with in Chinle Area.

Ben Hanley stated the White Cone Chapter has generated funding for scholarships for students from that chapter.

Mae moved and Kate seconded that the next meeting be scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept 7th in Holbrook. Unanimous approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Claude S. Endfield, ECD Program Chair.