

**Early Childhood Development/Educational Assistant/ Residential Child and Youth  
Care  
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, January 24, 2012**

Julia Fairbanks, Holbrook Unified School District rep. called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Also in attendance were:

Vicky Young, Prescott College  
Emma Morris, Dilkon Dorm  
Bob Zaccaria, EDU and RCYC Faculty, NPC  
Judy Haubert, ECD Faculty, NPC  
Kate Dobler-Allen, First Things First, Navajo-Apache Regional Partnership Council  
Krista M. Beazley, First Things First, White Mtn. Apache Regional Partnership Council  
Catherine Mulligan, NACOG Head Start  
Lori Reynolds, Holbrook Unified School District  
Melinda Naranjo, Early Childhood Program, NPC  
Janell Dickson, ECD Faculty, NPC  
Eric Henderson, Dean of Arts and Sciences, NPC  
Memarie Tsosie, First Things First, Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council  
Michelle Pansulla, First Things First, Navajo-Apache Regional Partnership Council  
Claude Endfield, EC Program Chair, NPC

Excused absences were noted for: Gloria Chee, Marlinda Littleman, Bernita Kuwanivaya, and Rhonda Etsitty.

The reading of the minutes of 9-07-2011 and discussion of Bylaw's revisions were tabled.

Michelle Pansulla gave a presentation on First Things First with various handouts.

Claude Endfield provided the following program highlights:

- ✓ Director Mentoring: Four participating in Emergent Leaders; Institute to be held on April 21, 2012.
- ✓ Community Based Training: Three topics are scheduled Jan – April.
- ✓ Navajo Nation CDA Project: 19 who have been awarded their CDA Credentials will be recognized Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at NN RPC meeting.
- ✓ Apache Families First Project: Last year of funding, Recruitment on-going
- ✓ NN Program for Self Reliance: Navajo Child Care Academy continuing in Kayenta, Chinle and Western Navajo Agency areas. Students are volunteering at work sites with additional work hours being paid under Work Force Development. Classes have all been introduced and completed by most of the students. Some enrolled in additional courses with PELL funding.
- ✓ Professional Child Care Pathway Project (PCPP) has had 28 students funded for 81 credits with 13 more applications waiting for approvals.
- ✓ ECD/EDU faculty position interviews have been scheduled.

- ✓ REWARD\$ Project: 18 individuals applied with 17 approved.

Discussion on the ECD, HUS and EDU Ass't programs was held with announcements re: upcoming dates of classes for HUS 180 and EDU 201. Dean Henderson provided a handout of degrees awarded for AAEE, AGS and AAS, CAS and CP for all the ECD, EDU Ass't and RCYC programs with some specific data for enrollment for specific courses from 1998 to 2011 semesters and for HUS (FCYC) from year 2004 to 2009-2010. It was recommended a committee review the data and that schools be surveyed to determine need for programs, and what courses may not be necessary. Based on survey results, we should then determine what are the essential courses needed by students. It was suggested that ads placed by schools be looked at for job minimal requirements and the skills needed. Also, suggested that the County School Superintendents be contacted re: what is required versus what they want staff to have. Judy and Bob volunteered to look for further information.

Dean Henderson also announced that a Social Work Program from the University of Utah may be available at the Hopi and Whiteriver NPC centers.

Vicky Young, Lori Reynolds, Julia Fairbanks, Judy Haubert and Kate Dobler-Allen volunteered to help with the review/evaluation of philosophy statements for student outcomes.

During lunch, members present shared program updates.

- ✓ Julia Fairbanks reported that her classroom had moved to Hulet School. Child Find is scheduled in the spring and referrals have come from FTF Healthy Steps.
- ✓ Kate Dobler-Allen shared that the funding plan has been approved by the RPC and she's working on a government-to-government agreement with NPC. Other projects include Quality First, Healthy Steps and oral health. RPC membership slots are still open.
- ✓ Judy Haubert explained that she is working with students in Kayenta and Shonto with the NN FTF grant and with NN Program of Self Reliance Child Care Academy. She shared information re: an upcoming CEC (DECA) conference on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ Bob Zaccaria reported is has been teaching RCYC courses.
- ✓ Memarie Tsosie stated that the Navajo Nation RPC is also looking for Council members.
- ✓ Catherine Mulligan from NACOG Head Start reported that the three Education mentors will be returning to their former positions as the special mentor funding will be ending. The mentors are providing Let's Get Messy and Creativity sessions at Holbrook Head Start and at the Camp Verde Conference. They have also hired a health and nutrition specialist for direct services for Holbrook and Winslow Head Starts.
- ✓ Vicky Young, Prescott College, shared information re: the Helios scholarships and the 3 students participating. They are looking for more students and are planning their 2<sup>nd</sup> Helios summer institute.

- ✓ Lori Reynolds reported on the Schoolhouse PALS center for the Holbrook School District: 2 full time staff, 4 part time staff. Ten one and two year olds, 2 infants and 9 preschool aged children are enrolled.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 24, 2012.

Lori moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Vicky Young. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Claude S. Endfield  
ECD Program Chair