

Northland Pioneer College
Whiteriver Center
Community Outreach Oct. 23, 2007

The following were in attendance:

Sarah Antonio, Housing Authority
Deb Goalby, NAU
Linda Declay, WRV Center Advisor
Francine Lazalere, John Hopkins program
Terri H, WMAT Higher Education
Lisa Perry, WMAT Higher Education
Janet Sanchez, Director of Social Services IHS
Ramone Riley, Museum Director
Cathy K, Nursing Director IHS
Stephanie Holliday, Center Manager
Mark Vest, VP of student services
Eric Henderson, VP of learning

Meeting Minutes:

Eric discussed purpose of outreach, move through community and talk with each of them and learn about what NPC can do for them. NPC is the largest Community college in the lower 48 states. Main purpose is to hear from each of your and to find out the things we are doing well on and the things we can do to support education of students in the community.

Mark spoke about the STEM grant.

Eric: accreditation visit will take place in 2009, governing board just passed the 5 year strategic plan. Currently hiring a new IS director and working on a master facilities plan.

Stephanie talked about:

Center Achievements of the past 2 years:

- Offered more EMT, Fire Science classes this year. Had to add an extra ropes II and III class to accommodate the need.
- Overall students in the FRS program achieved a 90% pass rate on the AZ State Fire Firefighter 1 and 2
- Dual enrollment numbers went up this year.
- 3 new Career and Technical education programs were developed: Medical assistant, computer technology and Heavy equipment operations.
- Recruited and hired more students to tutor, implemented a program called Smart Thinking which is an online tutoring to fill in the gaps.
- Student Government was started again this year and Whiteriver currently has rep to serve on the SGA.
- Northland Pioneer College received a grant entitled Partnership to Advance Retention which will provide scholarships for students pursuing a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics discipline.

Cathy K: Will the MDA program be hitting this campus? Eric: Yes, part of it depends on the number of students interested.

Cathy: Tribe will be building a 100 bed nursing home in 2010. MDA's would benefit staff verses the CNA program. MDA would bridge better for nursing students.

Cathy: WRV should have an LPN in one year and have the program down here.

Lisa P: agrees and knows that there are at least 6 people interested in the MDA program. It would be good to have program closer to WRV.

Terri: Students having trouble getting into the nursing class here and having to go else where.

Deb G (NAU): NAU getting ready to introduce new online science programs in the health field.

Tribal education: Going to be setting up a 9 computer, computer lab. Will be open until approx. 8 or 9pm.

Cathy K: Offer some computer charting classes. Instructor could to EHR (Electronic Health Record) to teach CNA's and nurses. On-going training is needed. Cathy K. would allow her nursing staff to take training or class during the afternoon hours.

Mark: With the MDA program being away from WRV, there is a scholarship that is offered to students if they have to re-locate.

Sarah A: Housing partners with social services, they will pick up housing's students and housing pays them mileage.

Francine: Goal for John Hopkins is push students towards nursing. If they are in the pursuit of their masters or higher John Hopkins will pay all expenses if they are a tribal member.

Cathy K: University of MN offers 100% expenses for tribal members, or those that work for IHS that are working towards a BSN to masters program.

Higher Education: NPC should offer a babysitting class or a fun class, can housing look into paying for a babysitting class.

Can NPC partner with the tribe to offer child care. Mark: SGA is pushing to actually look into scholarships for childcare.

Elder care class should be offered.

Offer an Apache history class, it depends on who teaches it.

Recognizing meth and other drug addictions should be a Saturday class.

Cathy K: should offer a contracting class, knows a Janna Town, her husband has a degree in contracting.

Ramone: people need to be educated about our water situation and our natural resources.

Community needs local teachers

Janet Sanchez: social workers are needed on the reservation.