

**HNDECA Early Care and Education meeting minutes**

**December 13, 2011**

**1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Red River room**

**Present:** Cheryle Masset Martz, Jennifer Barry, Kay Larson, Allison Mahoney, Julie Quamme, Linda Reinicke, Roxane Romanick, Linda Lembke and Linda Rorman

**By phone:** Earleen Friez and Dr. Richard Rathge

**Discussion:**

The current Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) grant which funds the work of the HNDECA will end on May 31, 2012. At this time Cheryle has not received any information from the Feds regarding the future or funding of the ECCS program. Cheryle believes that between the Home Visiting grant and the Race to the Top grant is how the Feds plan on moving ECCS forward. Cheryle wanted to utilize ECCS funds to help fund the Home Visiting grant that PCand will be writing for but is not allowed by the NDDOH. It was decided at the recent HNDECA Leadership Team meeting that PCAND will be the convener of HNDECA meetings (for all Stakeholder, Leadership and Subcommittees) in the event that the ECCS grant is no longer supported by the federal government. The HNDECA will not be changing its name in this transition.

Cheryle and Linda Rorman met with Lt. Governor Wrigley and Kayla Effertz in November 2011 regarding the Governor's North Dakota Early Childhood Education Council (NDECEC). Cheryle provided Lt Governor Wrigley with an overview of the ECCS grant and the HNDECA (membership) and the HNDECA work plans. She also provided him copies of all of the letters and photos submitted by Head Start families for the 2011 Legislative Messaging project. Linda Rorman shared information regarding Head Start and voiced the concerns/issues of Head Start in ND. They also talked about the plans for an Early Childhood Summit and HNDECA had scheduled for August 2011 but was postponed due to the flood in August 2011. They spoke of the importance of educating the NDECEC regarding early childhood care and education and reminding NDECEC members about the written goals of the council (outlined in HB1400 which established the NDECEC in 2009 legislative session). Cheryle provided a copy of the "Building Ready States" document and reflected on the correlation between the action steps of the document and the goals of the NDECEC. Cheryle offered to provide travel funds for the NDECEC through the end of May and then State Head Start Collaboration Office grant will take over starting June 1, 2012. A meeting of the NDECEC will be scheduled in the new future as soon as new committee members are assigned to replace those with expired term limits.

**Goal 2-1: To Teach and Influence the Leadership and Membership of the North Dakota Early Childhood Advisory Council about Early Childhood Care and Education.**

Cheryle thinks this goal would be satisfied if an Early Childhood Summit was held.

If we could convince the Lt. Governor to support the Early Childhood Summit, it was hoped that the Summit would be a mandatory participation of the NDECEC members. It was decided by the Early Childhood Summit planning committee that the "Building Ready States" document, that was adopted by the HNDECA, would serve as the framework for the Early

Childhood Summit The Early Childhood Summit planning committee consists of the following members: Tim Hathaway, Linda Reinicke, Linda Rorman, Kim Mertz, Jennifer Barry, Julie Quamme and Cheryle Masset-Martz. ECCS currently has a contract in place with Karen Ray to support training regarding collaboration during the summit. At the last HNDECA Leadership Team meeting to enter into a discussion with Jane Kretzmann, conveyor of the “North Dakota Legislative Leadership Institute on Child Development Research and Policy” on September 12-14, 2011. It is understood that Ms. Kretzmann was interested in conducting a follow-up institute to continue the ground work that was developed. The HNDECA Leadership Team would like to explore the possibility of aligning the framework of the Early Childhood Summit with that of the work that Ms. Kretzmann to see if we could collaborate on this effort.

Cheryle Masset-Martz and Linda Rorman will work together to contact Ms. Kretzmann and explore this opportunity. Both ECCS and the State Head Start Collaboration Office budgets have money earmarked to support an Early Childhood Summit.

Activity 2-1-a – “To develop a foundation document that describes/promote appropriate early learning opportunities in North Dakota.” The committee is wondering if this activity should be under HNDECA or the NDECEC. Because an attempt was made to develop this document but it turns out that the scale is much larger than anticipated and members of the HNDECA are unsure how and if the document would be utilized, it was decided to delete this activity. If the ECCS grant is funded in the future, this subcommittee will revisit this activity and make adjustments to the activity to make it the outcome realistic.

Activity 2-1-b – “To prepare and conduct a North Dakota Early Childhood Education Summit” is revised to read “To support a North Dakota Early Childhood Summit that highlights and utilizes the framework of the “Building Ready States” document.”

Activity 2-1-c – “To develop a list of local and state experts for the North Dakota Early Childhood Education Council to call on for advice and counsel.” The activity has been deleted because it is felt by this subcommittee that it would not be utilized by its intended audience.

Activity 2-1-d – “To develop a 3-ring binder of resource materials and references for use by the North Dakota Early Childhood Education Council”. The activity has been devleted because it is felt by this subcommittee that it would not be utilized by its intended audience.

Goal 2-2: “Adopt the developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) statement.” This goal and all of its activities should be deleted as it ties to the NDECEC goals and the action steps in the Building Ready State document. Members of this subcommittee discussed to have DAP be part of the Early Learning Guidelines goal.

Goal 2-3: “To assure that Childcare Nurse Consultants are part of an Infrastructure of Childcare settings.” was changed to

	<p>more accurately reflect what HNDECA can actually accomplish. New Goal 2-3: “To continue to advocate for childcare nurse consultants to support the health and safety of all children and particularly the development of health care plans.” CCR&amp;R will continue the work on this goal. All current activities of this goal were deleted, however based on future legislation to support childcare nurse consultants and as CCR&amp;R becomes aware of activities that HNDECA members can collaborate on, those activities will be added to the goal.</p> <p><b><u>Program updates:</u></b></p> <p>Amanda Carlson was hired as a new part C coordinator in the state. She started in September. She worked as a DD Program Manager at West Central Human Services. Their Federal partners released the Part C regulations. They now have a lot of work to do on their General Supervision System and also have to rewrite all of their policies and procedures to align within the regulations. The application for the Part C grant will go out April 16. It will go out for public comment starting in January and there will be two public hearings.</p> <p>Jennifer Barry – No updates.</p> <p>Kay Larson – Cass County has been piloting a QRIS. United Way has agreed to extend the pilot since it is coming to an end. Eighteen programs will continue and another eighteen will be able to participate in the pilot. They learned a lot about administration are now doing some streamlining. The standards have been revised. The review processes have changed.</p> <p>Linda Rorman – The collaboration offices at the national level have been working on different logic models. This logic model was on Home Visitation. The collaboration grants are also going to take a \$1.53 percent cut.</p> <p>Julie Quamme – Getting a lot of new families from all over the state that have many needs including childcare.</p> <p>Earleen Friez – Their little community is feeling the impacts of oil getting closer and closer.</p> <p>Linda Reinicke – They launched a recruitment campaign for childcare providers. In western ND, it is slow to take off because providers can work at McDonalds and Taco Johns for \$15 an hour.</p> <p>Dr. Richard Rathge – No updates.</p>
<b>Other:</b>	
<b>Next meeting:</b>	TBD