

HNDECA Parent Education meeting minutes

December 12, 2011

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

AV Room 212

Present: Cheryle Masset Martz and Vanessa Hoines

By phone: 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.

There are only two goals left to complete for this subcommittee. It was discussed to keep these goals open and have them transition over to PCAND if the ECCS program ends on May 31, 2012.

There was discussion about how well parents attended the Nurturing Heart Program in Fargo. Perhaps we could use the Conscious Discipline and Nurtured Heart Programs as a segue for parents to become involved with advocacy projects for early childhood.

	<p>Discussed meeting with Eileen Florenza (a national motivational speaker/leader/performer specific to working with families). It will cost \$14,000 to bring Eileen in to do a conference for a day and a half. Discussed having an MOU to carry this forward. Discussed how to get parents involved in this conference. After bringing in Eileen, Title V in Wyoming has established a parent leadership training institute that is 20 weeks in length. The first 10 weeks are spent on leadership and the second 10 weeks involve civic training. They are also starting one in the state of Vermont. This has been a success in Wyoming.</p> <p><u>Workplan updates</u></p> <p>There are only two goals left for this subcommittee.</p> <p>Goal 3-1: To Increase the opportunities for parents to receive parent education. Megan with PCAND left so now not sure where to go with the Healthiest Baby on the Block. The Title V MCH nurse left employment and a new staff member has been hired. As soon as this person is trained in their position, Cheryle will work with her in regards to the Cribs for Kids project and continue to look for ways to incorporate parent education in with this program. St. A's did away with the parent education classes. They are now on video to watch in the parents own home.</p> <p>Goal 3-2: To Increase the opportunities available for tribal communities.</p> <p>Discussed transferring these two goals over to PCAND since they are ongoing goals.</p>
Other:	
Next meeting:	TBD