

**HNDECA Parent Education subcommittee meeting minutes**

**March 16, 2011**

**1 pm to 4 pm**

**Human Services Conference Room D - Room 302**

**Present:** Cheryle Masset Martz, Kjersti Hintz, Gwen Marbeck, Linda Rorman and Vanessa Hoines

**By phone:** Kendra Bartholomew

**Discussion:**

**2011 Legislative Messaging Project**

The Legislative Messaging project reached a little over 50 percent of both the House of Representatives and Senators. A total of 47 Senators with 26 of them receiving at least one card and letter. Many of them received multiple letters. Of the 94 House members and 49 of them received at least one card and letter. The cards aren't time sensitive so they can be utilized at any time and collected. The packets will be revised mailed in the spring of 2011. It was suggested to make a binder of all the pictures and also put some on the ECCS website.

**Early Childhood Longitudinal Data System**

The Early Governor's Education Council included this project in a proposal for the Governor and Legislators for the 2011 Legislative session. At this time, everything that was proposed is still active this session. Jennifer Barry is the Chair Person of the Early Childhood Data committee. Cheryle Masset Martz and Linda Rorman are also on the subcommittee along with Tracy Korizmo and Steve Snow from ITD. This small subcommittee plans to meet every four to six weeks. The longitudinal data system will be discussed at the Early Childhood Summit. Members of the HNDECA will be called upon during the project to work with the committee as the work moves forward.

**Early Childhood Summit**

There will be an Early Childhood Summit on August 9 and 10 that will be held in Bismarck. It will either be two days or a day and a half. There will be breakout sessions. Everything will be free except each person will have to buy their own lunch. A lady from Arkansas will be presenting data. The people who participate will have to buy their own lunch. All HNDECA members and their partners are invited to attend. The Governor's Early Childhood Education Council is invited and the First Lady.

**Luncheon with 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Betsy Dalrymple**

This meeting was held on February 10, 2011 and a handout was provided. Vanessa Hoines, Sharon Hanson and Roxanne Romanick met with First Lady Betsy Dalrymple. Betsy would like to be invited to the next meeting and is interested in the upcoming Summit. It was mentioned to ask Betsy to be the chairperson of the Leadership Team. It was discussed to present the vision to Betsy around the time of the Summit.

**Nebraska Trust Fund**

Nebraska Early Childhood established a foundation in their state in 1997. This foundation plan was established to fund early childhood initiatives. Cheryle will gather information about the Nebraska business plan model. It was suggested to look at Minnesota's and Michigan's Early Childhood Foundations as well.

**Parent Education Workplan**

**Goal 3-1:** To increase the opportunities for parents to receive parent education.

- An accomplishment to this goal was that NDSU extension service is gearing up for the kindergarten program. In the tribal areas, there aren't any parent resource centers. PathFinders resources are available state wide.

The discussion revolved around how to reach parents to provide education to them.

The Kids for Cribs project was reviewed with subcommittee members as an example of an opportunity that was utilized.

For the new goal, it was discussed to revisit what programs are currently out there and see what types of parent education they are currently doing. If they have a need from any type of parent education, HNDECA could provide a list of what types of Parent Education is available. If there is a need identified, HNDECA members would fulfill the need. DPI will work to let the agencies/parents know what resources are available at the libraries at the parent resource centers.

**Activity 3-1a:** To capture parent attention at milestone moments such as kindergarten entry and educate them with via means which they are comfortable.

**New 3-1 goal:** To increase the opportunities for parents to receive parent education.

**Goal 3-2:** To support/enhance the connection between the HNDECA stakeholders, organizations and parent education opportunities in the state.

Discussed how families define health care needs. Is it a child that has asthma or a child that has down syndrome? There should be a definition for health care needs.

	<p>Linda Rorman put together and Early childhood health and wellness discussion circles. The people that were invited were parents, Tribal leaders and Headstart staff, childcare workers, IHS and interested parties. Actions steps were developed during the meetings.</p> <p><b>New goal 3-2:</b> To increase the opportunities available for Tribal Communities regarding parent education.</p> <p><b>Activity 3-2b:</b> By 20__, HNDECA could invite the participation of Scott Davis, executive director of the Indian Affairs Commission.</p> <p><b>Activity 3-3c:</b> By 20__, HNDECA could convene a community group on each reservation to determine the available gaps, needs and community will for such services.</p>
<b>Other discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathfinders or NDSU consider good health TV commercials by utilizing KAT Communications.</li> <li>• Kendra is working on a project for parent involvement. A resource tool is on their website where you people can search involvement activities. The six types of parent involvement are listed and people can search by them. An Early childhood piece will also be listed soon.</li> <li>• Discussed about Gearing up for Kindergarten program. If approved during this legislative session, monies to support Gearing Up for Kindergarten will be included in DPI's budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Next meeting:</b>	TBD