

**Healthy North Dakota
Early Childhood Alliance (HNDECA)
Parent Education Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

Draft Meeting Summary

Proposed Meeting Goals:

- To review agreements reached by the HNDECA Steering and Stakeholder Committees;
- To review and prioritize work plan goals;
- To identify specific activities, responsible parties, performance measures, timelines, barriers and resources needed; and
- To identify next steps in planning and implementation.

Meeting Participants: Cheryle Masset-Martz, Cyndee McLeod, Cyndi Collins, Richard Rathge, Kjersti Hintz, Linda Rorman, and Vanessa Hoines.

Facilitated by: The Consensus Council, Inc.

Welcome, Introductions, Process and Agenda Review: Participants were welcomed to the meeting and provided self-introductions. The use of consensus-based decision-making and the long-standing ground rules were affirmed. Participants reviewed the agenda and recommended no changes. Cheryle provided an overview of the Stakeholder Meeting (October 20) and reviewed the strategic planning documents, including the Integrated Activities Worksheet. Cheryle reminded the participants that there is some funding available for implementation of goals that will need to be expended by May 2010.

Review, Prioritization and Development of PE Subcommittee Goals and Activities: Participants reviewed the three (3) priority goals developed in May 2009 and made the following edits, additions and changes:

Goal #1: To build capacity for Parent Education.

Activity C: New wording: Results of past studies and research (including the NDSU Parent Education Needs Assessment, Head Start parent survey, Maternal and Child Health study, Tribal study and First Year Parent study) will be reviewed to identify missing data, needs and common areas of concerns

Action Steps:

- Dr. Rathge will complete the review, including recommendations, by February 2010

- Following completion, Dr. Rathge will review the results and recommendations with the Parent Education sub-committee, and others, as determined

Activity E: New wording: There will be provision of joint Parent Education training efforts to assure coordination, to maximize efficiency and to reach multiple audiences.

Resources Needed:

- Resources in the amount of \$5,000 will be set aside for any future survey development and administration, based on the recommendations made as a result of Goal #1, Activity C.

Goal #2: To educate policy makers regarding the importance of Parent Education.

Activities B, C and D: Replace with: Develop an organized comprehensive “call sheet” listing of grass roots stakeholders, parents and others who will speak to legislators in their districts and provide testimony at legislative hearings about parent education.

Action Steps:

- Develop talking points
- Create a map of all legislative districts to assure coverage is complete
- Provide targeted training for parents
- Seek out a potential partnership with the ND Head Start Association and/or others for training opportunities (Cheryle will explore)
- Research the possibility of a non-profit organization serving as a fiscal and administrative “home” for this initiative (Cheryle will explore)

Resources Needed:

- Resources in the amount of \$5,000 will be set aside for future research and training efforts.

Goal #3: To increase Parent Education for tribal communities.

Activity A: Same wording as is now. Add action steps below.

Action Steps:

- Review available data regarding tribal programs and identify missing data. (Cheryle will work with the ND Head Start Association, Phyliss Howard from the ND Department of Health and Cyndee McLeod from UTTC on this task)
- Review information gathered with Dr. Dwelle and Scott Davis, ND Indian Affairs Commission, to propose a partnership venture.

Summary Comments: Cheryle provided a brief update regarding the Governors Early Childhood Education Council that is expected to convene their first meeting in January 2010. There are several appointees to the Council that are also members of HNDECA including Cheryle, Linda Rorman and Sharon Hansen.

Cheryle also provided information regarding an upcoming webinar of interest to Parent Education members.

Vanessa reported on new, available publications in the Bright Beginnings series. These 3 publications focus on the importance of play and also provide recommendations for developmentally appropriate toys to maximize learning during play. There is also a new publication that helps parents to talk with their children about money issues. These publications are available through NDSU Extension, or for download at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/homelife>.

Participants were informed that a new group, the North Dakota Indian Education Advisory Council (NDIEAC) has been appointed by DPI Superintendent Dr. Wayne Sanstead. This legislatively mandated group is to advise DPI on issues related to education of Indian students and their first meeting is scheduled as follows:

Thursday, December 10, 2009

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Brynhild Haugland Room
State Capitol in Bismarck

It was agreed that there might be some partnership opportunities for HNDECA with the NDIEAC and several participants agreed to try to attend the first meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus of the group.