



**MnTRECC PLANNING TEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY**  
October 7, 2005



**Members Present**

Diane Wesley (Fond Du Lac)  
Diane Smith (Leech Lake)

Tamie Finn (Leech Lake)  
Barb Fabre (White Earth)

Lisa Pollack (Fond Du Lac)  
Kim Lage (White Earth)

**Guests Present** – Denise Mayotte: Sheltering Arms Foundation

▶ **Grants Program Update**

- \* Applications available October 3 – November 30
- \* Family, Friends & Neighbor Incentive packages will include books & first aid kits. Tribal programs that work with FFN caregivers are eligible to apply.
- \* Application Review Meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2006

▶ **Quality Rating System Update**

- \* Task group is beginning to meet again.
- \* Will be seeking nominations for providers to participate in a test phase. MnTRECC is encouraging tribally licensed providers to be included.
- \* Discussed importance of all tribal programs to send nominations

▶ **Minnesota Early Learning Foundation (MELF)**

- \* Tamie met with Joe Day, Director of the American Indian Affairs Council to advocate for inclusion of tribal leadership on the MELF Advisory Board
- \* Discussed importance of all tribal programs to advocate and send nominations

▶ **Outreach for Access Update**

- \* Draft protocol was approved by DHS for a process that committees can use to invite tribal input for planning in state initiatives
- \* MnTRECC planning team reviewed and approved protocol (see attached)
- \* Any early childhood program/individual involved will bring information from task group/committee to MnTRECC Planning Team meetings for updates

▶ **Metro Outreach Update**

- \* An initial meeting has been scheduled on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00 at the Alliance of Early Childhood Professionals site
- \* All MnTRECC Planning Team members are invited – Will also be inviting some representation from the CCCRR field

▶ **ECRTC Conference**

- \* Sameerah Bilal-Roby of the Early Childhood Resources & Training Center in St. Paul approached Tamie to discuss the possibility of co-sponsoring a conference that would include training in the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum and training in an African American curriculum
- \* Will be developing a plan and looking for funding

▶ **ITTI Funding Update**

× **Bush Foundation - \$40,000**

- Project period runs from November 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006
- Will be recruiting members for Work Group in November
- Stipends will be paid to cover hotel, mileage and meals to attend meetings
- Will hire consultant to facilitate meetings and develop reports & plans for future implementation
- Some ideas for Work Group discussion might be:
  - × Where, when & how is current training being delivered
  - × Adapting curriculum to meet needs of American Indian communities
  - × Providing support for American Indian trainers to deliver training
  - × Where, when & how training would be delivered
  - × Pilot language revitalization within an infant/toddler setting
- Updates/Ideas from DHS Professional Development meeting/October 28<sup>th</sup>
  - × *This was not part of the MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting*
  - × Not By Chance Task Group is developing “Community Guides” for different ethnic/language speaking communities. These can be adapted and used for other curriculum in the future
  - × Minnesota & West Ed both have ITTI curriculum & training certification process
  - × CCR&R has an ITTI Chat Room available to use in between on site meetings
  - × Add Tribal Infant/Toddler Work Group contacts to receive Itty Bitty Newsletter
  - × Agenda items for initial Work Group meeting would include:
    - Purpose/Mission of Work Group
    - Update on Consultant Work & Goals
    - Update on MN CCR&R Certification
    - Update on West Ed Certification
    - Update on Ounce Program
    - Update on curriculum in field that relates to ITTI
      - Positive Indian Parenting
      - Building Cultural
      - Brazelton Touch Points
      - Project Exceptional
      - Others
    - Develop Timeline and Work Plan

× **CCRR Network - \$3,000**

- Will be using funds to help current American Indian ITTI trainers obtain Minnesota Infant/Toddler certification through mentorship
- Have funds to support certification for 4 to 5 trainers
- Recruit for mentor
- Application process for trainer selection
- Requirement to deliver minimum of 4 hours within one year

▶ **Positive Indian Parenting Update**

- × Sponsored Training of Trainers event with 17 new trainers certified
- × Trainers are encouraged to provide 4 hours of training within one year

▶ **Trainer Support & Recruitment Update**

- \* Diane has developed a list of American Indian trainers as of June 30, 2005
- \* Will take this list and determine what topics trainers are trained in
- \* Contacts will be made to narrow down which trainers are currently delivering training or have not been training, but are still interested
- \* Will use this core group to focus on providing support activities depending on funding available
- \* Support activities might include:
  - Certification in other curriculum
  - Scholarships to conferences
  - Membership in Regional/State/National Associations
  - Marketing of their services (listed in MN STREAMS/CCRR database)
  - Facilitating meetings & chats for trainers to update on trainings held, discuss issues, etc.

▶ **Sheltering Arms Foundation Presentation**

- \* Grants of \$5,00 - \$25,00 - Grant round deadline in January of each year – Next period grant round information available on website in November
- \* Group brainstormed ideas to apply for a grant that would strengthen the MnTRECC Network
- \* MnTRECC will apply for support of the Outreach for Access protocol
  - Funding to be used to assist tribal early childhood professional in their ability to participate in Statewide Initiative Task Groups/Committees
    - \* Funds for mileage reimbursement, hotel expense, meals, etc.
    - \* Application will indicate how many meetings per year, number of tribal participants for each meeting, number of miles/hotel/perdiem eligible per meeting, etc.

▶ **Other Discussions**

- \* **Staff Turnover** – New staff in Fond Du Lac, Nancy Leith from Lower Sioux will be retiring & Mona Desjarlais from Upper Sioux will be leaving soon.
- \* **Future Grant Ideas**
  - Develop a new curriculum that would mirror the cross-training model that is used in White Earth based on Positive Indian Parenting, ITTI, Brazelton Touch Points, Project Exceptional, Building Cultural Connections, Stop It Now, MediaWise, etc.
  - Update Positive Indian Parenting curriculum to include a provider component, adding material for new/current information collected, possible on-line training model, etc.
  - Sponsoring another Positive Indian Parenting Training of Trainers
    - \* Suggestion to request support from MN Tribal Child Care programs through CCDF grant
    - \* Each tribal program to support a component of cost
    - \* Each tribal program would be eligible to select certain number of trainers to participate
  - Develop & publish a research document describing what tribal child care looks like in Minnesota – The Face of Tribal Child Care

▶ **Future Communications**

- \* Will begin using CCRR Chat room in between On Site meetings so we are meeting every two months
- \* Chat agendas will include licensing issues & updates on currently licensed providers, staffing changes, subsidy issues, current training offered, etc.
- \* Tentative Schedule
  - December 13, 2006 – Chat Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
  - February 2, 2006 – Planning Team Meeting in Walker from 9:00 to 3:00
  - February 3, 2006 – Tribal Early Childhood Network in Walker from 11:00 to 2:00
  - April 11, 2006 – Chat Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
  - June 8, 2006 – Planning Team & Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting (location pending)
  - June 9, 2006 – MnTRECC Retreat (location pending)
  - August ?, 2006 – Chat Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
  - October ?, 2006 – Planning Team Meeting in Walker from 9:00 to 3:00
  - October ?, 2006 – Tribal Early Childhood Network in Walker from 11:00 to 2:00