

# Metro Work Group Minutes

The Metro Work Group met on December 4, 2009 at the Mystic Lake Event Center located in Prior Lake, Minnesota

Present: Faith Littlewolf, Betty Jane Schaaf, Elizabeth Bowstring, Theresa Fountain, Fay Hopkins and Leah Loud

Absent: Jennifer Bendickson, Kay Tellinghuisen, Heather Reynolds

## Minutes Review

[Amendments to the 12/04/09 Metro Work Group minutes](#)

Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Project/Betty Jane

- Betty Jane has been working on an ongoing basis with William Mitchell School of Law on copy and publishing rights for the children's that will be translated in Ojibwe and Dakota.

Hennepin County Baseline Coordinator/Fay Hopkins

- Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) is a project designed to enhance the quality of care in licensed family child care programs or centers. This project is being offered in St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- Fay is currently providing Play and Learn groups in Hennepin County.

Reuben Lindh-Four Directions Family Services /Kay Tellinghuisen

- Two staff will be trained on the C.L.A.S.S. it is a classroom assessment that measures classroom organization, emotional support, and instructional support.

CCR&R/Scott Parker

- Delivered 400 of the small Ojibwe and 400 of the small Dakota tribal posters

Review packet of material, noted that K-mart is no longer giving out grants

## Program Updates

Faith Littlewolf

- Tribal Poster update for Grand Portage Reservation along with Upper and Lower Sioux
- Sioux curriculum was translated into Ojibwe and 15 Nursery Rhymes/Song were translated to accompany the curriculum.
- Informed work group participants that MnTRECC has \$ 8,000.00 in emergency and start up money.

- Reminded Metro Work Group members who applied for the Health & Safety Kits to turn in their documentation so the grants can be closed-out

### Betty Bowstring

- She is on lay off status Betty Jane Schaaf
- On time line with curriculum development
- On 11/17/09 the elders from the language department went to Washington, The Alliance of Early childhood Professionals received the Venture award for having a majority of elders working within their program
- Minnesota List Serve/ Happenings in Metro she sent Miguela notice about the article “Lost in translation”. She informed group that any news on Native people can be posted in the list serve.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 Pioneer Press had an article about the school “Lost in Translation”
- Another book will be ready for translation in Sioux already in Ojibwe “Lillian’s Life Story”
- Program owns a star lab /which is a traveling planetarium that has Southwest Native American constellations all the planets, earth and sun. She is currently working on the Ojibwe and Sioux aspect and gearing it towards early childhood. It holds 20 to 25 adults. The star lab can be rented with the price negotiable.
- Will be starting up the star lab in December and will be doing once a month
- A Community engagement person will be hired
- She may bring the new program director to next meeting as a guest to see what MnTRECC/Metro Work Group is about
- The books that were written by the program are:

How the Loon got its spots (Ojibwe story) Illustrated by Jaime Mosely

Seven Dakota Virtues Seven (Ojibwe Values) Illustrated by Jaime Mosely

Lillian’s Life Story ( Ojibwe story) Illustrated by Jaime Mosely

The Little Boy Man (Dakota story) Illustrated by Wayne Longcrow

- Books that they have the rights to share with other programs are Duck, Duck Goose, Oonga Boonga, Carrot Seed and Brown Bear Brown Bear
- They will be having a gallery where the 8 books mentioned above will be revealed and with one more to be revealed done by a local artist who wrote the book. Date and time will be announced.

Hennepin County Baseline coordinator/Fay Hopkins

- ERS consultant in the get ready project and renovation loan program are only in the city of MPLS
- Will be working with Providers heading up new group
- Finishing up C.E.E.D. training with University of Minnesota
- Completion ERS Training with U of M C.E.E.D. with family child care field experience

Ramsey County Baseline Coordinator/Theresa Fountain

- On 11/13/09 held an FFN event with 46 in attendance and had 5 rooms with art activities, resource room and 1st aid kits in a back pack.
- ERS training will be done in January
- FFN grants still available in Ramsey County she can help fill out the grant application

American Indian Family Center/Leah Loud

- Father to Father is a new group, 2 attended with bowling for the activity, looking for suggestions to get more participants?
- Post Partum group working on star quilts, moccasins, and earrings, native craft give away this spring possibly at the New Life Celebration

### **Resource Guide**

- Emailed Theresa the American Indian resource guide template, to make the corrections that the group had provided to Louisa Cox (former Metro Work Group member) and other correction that may have come up. Theresa could not access the internet. Received clarification on the changes that were submitted previously and other changes were discussed at this time.
- Group wrote the acknowledgement for the directory
- Betty Jane submitted children's artwork from her and Kay's centers
- Possibly acknowledge artwork done by child at (agency)
- The group determined appendix be in alphabetical order

### **Poster distribution**

- Betty Jane half way done, had a long list, big posters almost gone. Approximately 100 left of the small from both tribes
- Theresa Fountain, the posters were accidently placed on a resource table at "Dad's make a Difference" event all were taken. She will request more from Betty Jane
- Leah replied that Janice and Jessica K. took half a day to distribute posters
- Fay deadline to deliver by end of December, needs managerial approval, needs to document.
- Group will bring back list of poster distribution at next meeting

### **Mission statement**

- Group in agreement that the draft looks good and approved it.
- Logo: Betty Jane brought in an example of a logo that Jennifer drew up, group discussed and provided feedback and suggestions.
- Leah asked if it could represent both Minneapolis and St. Paul
- Fay's son is doing some drawings for the logo
- Mission Statement reflects the following service area: Was defined as the 7 county area to include: Anoka, Hennepin, Carver, Scott, Dakota, Washington, and Ramsey

### **Metro Work Group Purpose**

- Shared definition in the DHS Work Plan regarding the purpose of the Metro Work Group
- Work Group members agree with the purpose of the group and its structure

### **Recruitment**

- Julie Greene, the Director of the Golden Eagle Program for 5 and 6 year olds was suggested as a potential group member

### **Follow up**

- Send out save the date
- Send out meetings minutes
- Ask Diane to change the font or scan on Dakota curriculum request
- Betty Jane and Fay turned in their FFN Health and Safety documentation

### **Next meeting:**

Friday, February 12, 2010  
Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel  
9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.