



## December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Metro Work Group

### Minutes

The Metro Work Group met on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Mystic Lake Event Center located in Prior Lake, Minnesota

All present:

Faith Littlewolf, Betty Jane Schaaf, Kay Tellinghuisen, Theresa Collins, Fay Hopkins, Janice LaFloe, Jennifer Bendickson and Sonoma Paiz.

**Corrections/clarifications for the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 minutes under: Visiting the Early Childhood Metro Agencies 4<sup>th</sup> bullet down.**

The group was able to observe Wicoie Nandagikendan's Preschool Language Immersion classroom where we had seen the children playing musical chairs powwow style, the children would give the teacher a high five when asked by in Ojibwe. This classroom is a partnership between Wicoie Nandagikendan and Four Directions.

**Reviewed the folder items**

**Program Updates as follows:**

**Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care Outreach Coordinator / Faith Littlewolf**

- Announced that Sandra Williams MnTRECC Program Manager will be coming in at 1:00 to give the MnTRECC update.

## **The Family Partnership Vice President of Early Childhood Services / Kay Tellinghuisen**

- Fall Feast was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- The Family Partnership sponsored 161 families for holiday gifts through donations. Families at Four Directions were sponsored.
- The agency had a break in at the North Mpls site. Holiday gifts were stolen. The media covered the story and the community was amazing. We received donations of toys and cash that covered the items stolen and allowed us to sponsor the families on the waiting list.

## **Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Program Interim Program Manager / Betty Jane Schaaf**

- New Partnerships being developed with:
  - Minneapolis Public Schools Early –Family education will be participating in family fun nights.
  - Dream of Wild Health Native Garden in Hugo MN for outdoor classroom.
  - University of Minnesota Bridging Language Learning into the home.
- She is acting as Interim Program Manager.
- New websites:
  - dakotaojibwe.org
  - wicoienandagikendan.org
- Children went on field trip to Wild Life Science Center.
- Started family nights again.
- Attended the Planning Team meeting in Red lake on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Revision of Minnesota Professional Development Registry in making the registry more tribal friendly.
  - As a MnTRECC/Planning Team member asked the group if they had anyone in mind or would be interested in sitting on committee.
- Had a meeting with from the Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

**Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Program / Jennifer Bendickson**

- During the months of November and December I was temporarily off of work, during this time I volunteered to work on the Dakota High five Parent Coordinator position. We had 3 parent meetings.

**Resources for Child Care Ramsey County Baseline Coordinator / Theresa Collins**

- Play and Learn Groups at Sun Ray Library.
- Working with Parent Aware sites that just completed their ratings and improvement dollars spent.
- Building Quality / Parent Aware recruitment will begin in mid January.

**Child and Teen Check Ups Program Senior Community Health Worker / Sonoma Paiz**

- Currently focusing on teen population. Some of the places we are connecting with are Youth Link, Oasis for Youth, Broadway School, Groveland food shelf. In November connected with families through organizations that provided turkey baskets. Some of the organizations were Division of Indian works, Northpoint and Inter-congregation Communities Association.

**Resources for Child Care Hennepin County Baseline Coordinator / Fay Hopkins**

- Play and Learn partners are continuing.
- Due to budget cuts there will be no play and learns in Hennepin County for the month of January.
- Attended CCR&R Conference topics covered were reflective practice and motivational interviewing.
- Attended trainings as Quality Coach in St. Cloud November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended training on Building Quality/Parent Aware on December 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>.

- Will be out of the office December 29<sup>th</sup> through January 27<sup>th</sup> 2012. If dates change I will notify Faith.

#### **American Indian Family Center Director of Development & Marketing / Janice LaFloe**

- AIFC is concluding its Community Holiday Support for families & children. The party was hosted on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> for over 250 families. We were able to secure funds for to nominate 700 children for gift cards for Christmas.
- The Healing Generations Program has expanded services for children & students at the American Indian Magnet School. There are now 2 interns and 1 regular staff providing mental health support for students and youth.
- Work continues to move forward with the Montessori, Preschool Pilot Children's House. The language consultant is half way through the Montessori Training. A start up coordinator is being explored to begin the legwork of the business plan.
- AIFC is stating a Financial Literacy and Home Ownership Program for families.
- AIC is offering a new parent education group called Strengthening Families. Families have the opportunity to learn how to make a dance outfit for their child as well as learn about good mental health.
- AIFC applied for the MOFAS grant to plan a springtime powwow. If awarded the powwow will be held Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2012.

#### **Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care Program Manager / Sandra Williams**

- Amaze (MnTRECC is currently collaborating with the Amaze Foundation regarding bringing this curriculum to all 11 reservations located in Minnesota.) The Amaze Foundation is currently seeking funding from several foundations to fund the project. If funding is secured then all 11 tribes and the Metro area would receive a copy of the curriculum and the Native American doll that is used

with the curriculum. In addition a TOT would be offered by the Amaze Foundation to assist those individuals who would be willing to provide trainings on this curriculum. In discussions with Planning Team Members and Metro Work Group members there is an interest on their part in being a part of this pilot. We have also met with the MN CCR&R Network (Karen Foglund) to discuss the possibility of this curriculum going statewide.)

- Dakota / Ojibwe Curriculum. MnTRECC Program Manager attended the Metro Work Group to discuss the release of the new Ojibwe and Dakota Curriculum. Questions were answered in regard to how MnTRECC would like to see the utilization of the curriculum tracked and who would house the curriculum in the Metro.
- Revision of MN PD Registry. MnTRECC is in the process of developing a group consisting of Tribal stakeholders from each of the reservations and the Metro area to review the current PD Registry and develop a draft with revisions to ensure the registry is tribal friendly. MnTRECC has contracted David Counoyer from Plain Depth Consulting to facilitate the group. MnTRECC Program Manager has begun recruitment of members for this group. The first meeting will be held on January 14th, 2012 at the Grand Casino in Onamia, Minnesota. Group members will receive a \$175.00 stipend for the work they provide in this group. The group will meet 6-7 times and the work must be completed by June 30th, 2012. DHS and MNCPD and other stakeholders will attend select meetings to provide assistance and resources. Information will be shared with planning team members at quarterly meetings.
- Looking for a group member from Metro to sit on the committee. MnTRECC Program Manager asked the Metro work group to select 1-2 individuals to sit on this group to represent the Twin Cities area. Deadline to provide recommendations for a representative is December 29th, 2011.

- Grants: The MnTRECC Regional Grant Program had 7 Regional Grant Applications. MnTRECC was able to fully fund 5 grants and declined funding the other 2 applications due to a lack of monies. The two applications that were declined were individuals that had received BQ funding in the amount of \$2500.00 last year. MnTRECC currently has \$3718.00 in FFN Support Funds. These funds are designed to assist FFN providers to receive training in CPR and First Aid to remain authorized to receive CCAP funding. Funding will allow 75% of the training to be paid for through the grant dollars.

### **Sustainable Resources / Lead testing party**

- It was decided by the group that Sustainable Resources will be invited to the American Indian Early Childhood Fair in April.
- Let group know that Sustainable Resources needs at least 4 weeks' notice.

### **Metro Families Metro Resource Guide**

- Everyone received their sections to update electronically and handed out the e-mail as to what we are looking for when looking for updates. Fay brought her completed updates to the meeting. Thanks Fay.

### **Revisiting the American Indian Families Early Childhood Fair**

- No information on the American Indian Chamber of Commerce this year Job Fair thus fair.
- Group decided to do the Fair in St. Paul this year.
- It will be called American Indian Early Learning Fair and Powwow sponsored by MOFAS.
- It will be held Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at the Harding High School.

- At 5:00 p.m. the fair vendors will start along with a light meal being served in the lunch room next to the gym.
- The pow wow and craft vendors will be in the gymnasium.
- Grand entry at 6:00p.m.
- The event will conclude at 9:00.
- Janice will contact the last year's vendors list.
- Janice will contact the Minnesota List Serve.
- No charging of the booths.
- Each agency will be asked to donate a door prize for the drawings.
- The group wants to have a Legal Non Licensed informational booth.

### **New Business**

#### Process for sharing the Dakota and Ojibwe Curriculum

- The group understands that they cannot make a profit on this curriculum by selling or renting it out.
- Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Program will house the curriculum.
- There will be a master check out list
- 2 week check out time.
- 1 week check out time for any in high demand curriculum.
- A survey questionnaire sheet will be attached to track and get feedback on the curriculum.

#### **Questions about the Curriculum the group had are:**

- Is it ok to reproduce material to have multiple sets on hand, so that they will always have an original? (Photocopying, laminating and binding)?

- If a person or agency lost a copy of a particular piece then could they charge for the cost of replacing it?
- Can group print off flash cards and give out at the fair this spring?
- Can the group print off some material and send home with parents to work on the material at home with the child?
- Can we print out flash cards for the fair to give away?
- Can the curriculums be shared with other Metro Group members electronically?

### **Set date for next chat and face to face**

- For better planning throughout the year the group decided to follow the schedule of every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday to conduct the face to face and chats.
  - Face to face 9:00 am till 3:00pm
  - Chats 1:00pm till 1:45pm
- Next chat 01/20/12 at 10:00pm.
- Next Face to face 02/17/11.

### **Follow Up**

- Send Betty Jane the excel spreadsheet for curriculum.
- Follow up curriculum questions and update the group.
- Send Theresa the Metro Work Group Logo.
- Add to Metro Families Resource Guide Dream of Wild Health under Health.
- Process stipend.