

# Metro work Group Minutes

The Metro Work Group met on June 25<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Mystic Lake Event Center located in Prior Lake, Minnesota

Present: Faith Littlewolf, Betty Jane Schaaf, Betty Bowstring Theresa Fountain, Fay Hopkins, Leah Loud, Jennifer Bendickson and Kay Tellinghuisen

## Minutes Review

One correction to the 04/23/10 Metro Work Group minutes was found on page 3 under program update for Hennepin County Baseline Coordinator /Fay Hopkins the first bullet should be Fay not Theresa

## Reviewed the folder items

### Presenter:

Helping to combat diabetes Robert Kirk is a retired Registered Nurse who volunteers his time to promote healthy cooking and eating habits for young children at an early age.

- Gave a cooking demonstration using recipes from the Aunt Betty's Kids Cookbook, fruit smoothie, manoomin salad and pemmican. He passed around a sample of labrador tea to view, known to the Ojibwe as swamp tea.
- Is currently working on an updated cookbook and is looking for new recipes which will be downloadable @ the Native American Community Clinic website [www.nacc-healthcare.org](http://www.nacc-healthcare.org), target date is the end of the summer. Recipes can be e-mailed to [rskirk@usfamily.net](mailto:rskirk@usfamily.net)

## Tribal Poster distribution of Ojibwe and Dakota

- No need for any posters at this time

## Program Updates

MnTRECC Outreach Coordinator/ Faith Littlewolf

- Sandra Williams Program Manager will be facilitating the Planning Team Work Group meeting at the Black Bear Casino in Carlton, MN. on 07/ 22/10
- MnTRECC and DHS had a PD systems concerns meeting in Mille Lacs on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2010
- The Ojibwe and Dakota curriculum is now complete.
- MnTRECC is working on the musical component to accompany the curriculum
- MnTRECC staff is very busy working on all close outs for the end of the fiscal year
- The Metro Families Resource Guide is now available and free to download on [www.mntrecc.net](http://www.mntrecc.net)
- Scott Parker sent out a mass e-mail to DHS, CCR&R, District Coordinators and Baseline staff informing that the Metro Resource Guide is now available and free to download on the MnTRECC website.

- Created a Native American FFN Data base list from each of the participating reservations

Hennepin County Baseline Coordinator/Fay Hopkins

- Getting ready to promote the Building Quality Initiative
- Still working with the renovation loans

Ramsey County Baseline Coordinator/Theresa Fountain

- Getting ready to promote the Building Quality

Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Program /Betty Jane Schaaf

- Lost Program Director will be advertising
- 7<sup>th</sup> annual Language camp will be held at Wabun Park on August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 which will consist of a cultural event demonstration, pow wow and giveaway. Division of Indian Works and Golden Eagles program will take part.
- She will be bringing the Star Lab to the Leech Lake Early Childhood Program Abinoojee Oshki Bemihdizwin on July 14<sup>th</sup> and The Ball Club Head Start Center on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Working diligently with Mary Burns on the curriculum for their program to meet state standards.
- In Partnership with the Anishinabe Academy for mapping the upcoming year curriculum to incorporate the 7 virtues in order to better fit the needs of native cultural and to meet the state, cultural and language standards.
- Children's Theater is having a conference on Interactive Play in the middle of August. The cost is \$150.00
- Helped out with the FFN event went well, but less people showed than they expected.

Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Language Immersion Program / Jennifer Bendickson

- Credits the Alliance & Four Directions flexibility and working relationships why the program is successful
- Recognized & thanked Kay's program for children coming from the program are scoring 100% or better
- The partnership with William Mitchell Law of School are taking the current law for brail and are trying to conform it for the endangered languages for the Ojibwe and Dakota, so that any book ever published can be translated in these languages
- The 7 virtues of the Ojibwe and Dakota are for sale for 10.00 apiece to cover printing costs

Elizabeth Bowstring /Lay off status

- Is still active in the American Leadership Circle

#### American Indian Family Center / Leah Loud

- Only 2 FFN providers showed up for the Pamper the Provider event
- Theresa Fountain continues to come for Play and Learn once a month for Mother's Circle
- The Community Doula program did not get funded as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010
- Will be moving into the Case Manager Position for the Twin Cities Healthy Start Program( TCHS) is looking forward to working with the babies and their mothers again
- Had a booth at the American Indian Magnet School (AIMS) pow wow

#### Rueben Lindh Family Services Four Directions Family Center / Kay Tellinghuisen

- One child that was in the program since age 20 months to kindergarten scored 160 on her Beginning Kindergarten Assessment (BKA) the passing score is 80 %
- Another child from the classroom went for a MPLS Public School Pre-Kindergarten Screening and answered most questions in Ojibwe and Ojibwe was listed as the child's first language
- Working on United Way RFP for access to Early Childhood services
- Currently enrollment is up at Four Directions Family Center, 55 children attending, the capacity is 58.
- Hennepin County cut all Family Focus Programs they do have a new RFP out but has no Early Childhood services
- Rueben Lindh will be closing a preschool that serves nearly 100 children in poverty, about 20% are Native American children

#### **Resource Guide Changes**

- **None at this time**

#### **Marketing the Resource Guide**

- **Changes were completed**  
**No copies have went into print**
- **Grotto is out of funding for the year , Tah Wah Say grant round starts in October, the group can request at that time**
- **The promotional letter was viewed by group and it was suggested to use the onl**
- **Mn.T.R.E.C.C. will not be able to help out at this time**
- **Theresa will send copy of the Metro Families Resource Guide to Griffith and Rapit Printing to see if they could do an in-kind printing**

#### **Logo**

- Finalized with signature of artist

#### **Mission statement**

- Is complete

## **Recruitment**

- Each member will contact 2 people out the resource and extend an invite to the group to observe before they make commitment
- Leah will contact Tessa at Little Earth to see if she is interested in becoming a core member

## **Future Projects**

- Wicoie Nandagikendan Early Childhood Immersion Program may have space available to accommodate the Early Childhood Fair
- Each program have a booth, invite other agencies

## **Pamper FFN Providers**

- Planned for 25 but two FFN providers showed
- Promoting becoming licensed in 6 months

## **Garden in Metro Area**

- Did not happen , got to be too late in the season

## **Other**

- Betty Jane took Heather's packet

## **Follow up**

- Contact group to see if they have any known Native FFN caregivers that will be willing to share their contact information to create the data base for the Metro area
- Contact the group members to see if we have any confirmations from potential future members
- Next meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the Mystic Lake Casino and Hotel 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.