

Metro work Group Minutes

The Metro Work Group met on April 23rd 2010 at the Mystic Lake Event Center located in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

Present: Faith Littlewolf, Theresa Fountain, Fay Hopkins , Janice LaFloe, Leah Loud and Sandra Williams (Strategic Planning Session)

Absent: Jennifer Bendickson, Kay Tellinghuisen, Betty Jane Schaaf and Betty Bowstring

Minutes Review

No Amendments to the 02/12/10 Metro Work Group minutes

Reviewed the folder Items

- Agenda
- Metro Work Group Minutes for February 12th 2010

Professional Development

- Understanding Contemporary Hmong Culture, Traditions and Spirituality for better Health, with registration (also sent out by e-mail on 03/10/10)
- Upcoming Cultural Proficiency Workshops from Neighborhood House (also emailed out on 04/19/10).
- Evidenced based Instructional Strategies for working with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Children with Disabilities and their Families (also emailed out on 04/20/10).
- National American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care Conference registration (also emailed out on 04/14/10).
- Course schedule and registration for the summer and fall Train the Trainer Courses offered by the Center for Inclusive Child Care including two new training courses on Autism and AD/HD.
- An Invite and registration to CICC Sixth annual Inclusion Institute: Together We Can! Create Positive Experiences.

Funding

- Who Pays – Taking the MAZE out of Funding (also e-mailed out on 03/24/10).
- Weekly Funding Opportunity: Rosie's for all kids Foundation (brought in by MnTRECC Program Manager Sandra Williams).

Miscellaneous

- Corner Stone Montessori Open House (brought in by the MnTRECC Program Manager Sandra Williams).
- CCR& R News Letter Volume 11 Issue 1 *Highlighted is* Combating Childhood Obesity.

- Invite to Minnesota Children’s Museum Smart Play.
- Article Twin Cities.com \$620 K grant will help expand Montessori offerings in low income areas, *Highlighted is* the first school to be developed through the program will be in partnership with Little Earth of United Tribes in South Minneapolis. It is expected to be opened this fall.
- Article on Air Pollutions in our homes with strategies on reducing pollutants.
- Drug Recall on Phenylpropanolamine includes list of medications that t contain the ingredient
- Recall Britax “Blink “Umbrella Strollers due to risk of finger tip amputations and lacerations.
- Center of Disease Control article on Small Inflatable and Plastic Pools Can Spread Illness.
- Early Years / Working Together for a Great Start March 2010 issue subscribed by Leech Lake Early Childhood Development.
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- An invite and registration to The Macdonald Montessori School (also emailed)
- The Daily Parent Newsletter for the working parent, Keep Them Smiling: Children’s Dental Health.
- Positive Solutions for Families Eight Practical Tips for Parents of Young Children with Challenging Behavior.
- CCR&R Starting a Center Based Child Care Program in Minnesota
- Developing A Childcare center Business Plan from Development Corporation for Children
- Minority Males Falling Behind
- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon /All military families with children ages 0-3 are invited to the Parents as Teachers –Heroes at Home Playgroups
- Military Child Education Coalition Helping Children Thrive Through Mobilization and Development registration forms for May 5-6 2010 and October 6-7 2010
- A Native American NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS VIDEO STORYBOOK.
- A laminated mission statement of the MnTRECC Metro Workgroup with our new metro logo used as a background, with an acknowledgment to D.H.S.
- Draft copy of a letter of intent to the business’ with whom we have will be printing off a hard copy of The Metro Families Resource Guide.

Presenter: Michael Earhart

- Michael Earhart from the Minnesota Center for Professional Development provided a brief overview of the MnCPD and the PD Registry

Tribal Poster distribution of Ojibwe and Dakota

- No discussion at this time

Program Updates

MnTRECC Outreach Coordinator/ Faith Littlewolf

- Mntrecc still has grant monies available until 05/16/10 referred them to the MnTRECC Website
- Completed 75 Tribal Data Surveys, and met the required 85% for D.H.S.
- Metro Families Resource Guide is on the web and ready to be downloaded.
- Individual Mask Module (IMM) training was conducted by Angie Bowman. Sandy Williams (MnTRECC Program Manager) and Dawn Thiele (Baseline Coordinator) and Faith Littlewolf were trained on the system at Leech Lake Early Childhood Building.

Hennepin County Baseline Coordinator/Fay Hopkins

- Theresa has 17 Getting Ready family providers and centers that she is working with.
- Play and Learn Group on the north side will have a radio blast on KMOJ.
- Excited to be working with a new Native American Licensed Provider that was referred through the CCR&R Network.
- FFN field trips will be every other month starting on May 26th to the children's museum.

Ramsey County Baseline Coordinator/Theresa Fountain

- Has 7 Getting Ready Providers
- She has 2 Environmental Rating Scale to do for D.H.S. one family child care provider and one childcare center.
- FFN field trip to the Children's Museum.
- Grant extension deadline is 05/16/10 and is continuing to work on closing out FFN grants.

St. Paul American Indian Family Center/ Janice LaFloe

- Finished Strategic Planning for the new building.
- Approved for a VISTA volunteer for administration support for the summer.
- Center will possibly be a Language Immersion and a Montessori program.
- Launching Capitol Campaign for funding the new building

Resource Guide Changes

- Title was filled in with solid red.
- No graph page, table of contents will be used instead.
- Spacing was corrected
- Made contact with new Urban and I.C.W.A. offices located at 1308 to get their contact information nobody responded back so they have not been included in the guide yet.
- Deleted Ojibwe language table no longer exists.
- Updated Reuben Lindh program information

- Inserted every picture at least once, and some twice into the resource guide from all the pictures that were collected from the Metro Group members previously.

Marketing the Resource Guide

- Approximately 170 copies to be printed
- Suggested to call Lavonne Lee at the Grotto Foundation for help in the printing cost
- Janice will redo the letter of intent to include our mission statement and send back to MnTRECC
- MnTRECC. Program Manager will check to see if MnTRECC could help absorb some of the cost of printing.
- Theresa F will send a letter to the Department of Health and Human Services

Logo

- Fay will email the logo to Faith and Sandra when she gets the Metro Work Group name added to the Logo. Fay will go to Kinko's to have this done.

Mission statement

- Each member that was in attendance received a laminated copy of our mission statement with the new metro logo used as a background

Recruitment

- Faith reported no response from Lucy A.

Future Projects

Pamper FFN Providers

- Janice will write up a budget of events for a future FFN gathering
- Will need two hours of Health and Safety training, suggested using video-- Historical Trauma
- MnTRECC may be able to pay for space
- MnTRECC possibly pay for books that providers can use to share with for the children they provide care for.
- MnTRECC pay Health & Safety items
- MnTRECC pay for a trainer cash or honorary
- Sandy will check with McKnight foundation for room
- Other possible sites to hold FFN Event are at RCC East or West
- Hold 2nd FFN Event and promote becoming licensed providers. Possibly 6 month after the first Provider Event is held
- Garden in Metro Area
- Utilize Dream of Wild Health Garden Warriors to maintain throughout the summer, they can be picked up and dropped off at the American Indian Family Center

- Where to plant to be determined
- Where to get the seeds to be determined
- Sandy suggested that the group piggyback with other events going on in the community. The group discussed the wellness fair (having a booth set up next year). Talked about MnTRECC paying for the booth rental fee.
- The group talked about tying future activities to national Indian month
- The group talked about social networking activities to include: Facebook and Email Blast
- Theresa will do the E-mail blast
- Theresa will set up a Facebook for the Metro Group
- Maintain and provide updates to the Metro Work Group Resource Directory
- Continually market the Metro Work Group Resource Directory

Other

- Sandy discussed the Metro Work Group jackets as a public relations item to advertise the work group and the MnTRECC Website.

Follow up

- Mail out the packets to Kay, Heather, Betty Jane, and Betty Bowstring
- Get revised letter of intent from Janice and insert it on the Metro Work group logo background paper and e-mail out to the group.
- Check with Lavonne at Grotto to see if they can help with printing costs
- **Next meeting: June 25th 2010 at the Mystic Lake Casino and hotel 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.**