



**MnTRECC PLANNING TEAM
MEETING SUMMARY**
June 15, 2006



Members Present

Tamie Finn (Leech Lake)

Barb Fabre (White Earth)

Jean DuFault (Fond Du Lac)

Angela Schoenborn (Red Lake)

Sandy Williams (Leech Lake)

Amy LaBatte (Upper Sioux)

Jessica Heinonen (White Earth)

Debbie Robertson (Lower Sioux)

Diane Smith (Leech Lake)

Brent Bement (White Earth)

Betty Bowstring (Metro Area)

Sylvia Manthey (Grand Portage)

Guests Present: Mary Scott – Ounce Project

Meeting began at 12:40 p.m.

▶ **Program Sharing**

- * Members shared information relating to current and upcoming activities within their programs

▶ **MnTRECC Activities Update**

- * Child Care Resource & Referral Network is recruiting for Tribal Representation on the CCR&R Network Board. Contact Ann McCully, CCR&R Network Director if interested
- * Co-Sponsored with Early Childhood Resource & Training Center (ECRTC) on the Healing Vessels Conference that was held on June 19 & 20 in St. Paul
- * Ojibwe/Dakota Language & Literacy Conference will be held on July 10th
- * During March Board Meeting in Washington, D.C., the National Indian Child Care Association (NICCA) meet with Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary, Stacy Ecoffey, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Ray and other federal government officials to review the ACF organization change and to educate them on issues of tribal child care
- * Scheduling a Talking Circle for the Ready 4 K Board at Mahnommen tentatively set for August 8th (day before Brain Development Conference). Inviting Tribal Leaders and Tribal Child Care program staff to educate Ready 4 K Board on tribal child care and early childhood issues
- * Grants were awarded to 30 applicants – Approximately \$20,000 in funding available with approximately \$32,000 requested
 - Two organizations received Family, Friend & Neighbor (FFN) awards serving 30 FFN caregivers
 - Two Family Child Care providers received Start Up awards
 - Five Family Child Care providers received Child Care Services, Infant/Toddler & School Age Care awards
 - Four Child Care Centers received Child Care Services, Infant/Toddler & School Age Care awards
 - Seventeen Family Child Care Providers, Center Staff and Non-Direct Care Organizations received Scholarships for the White Earth Brain Development Conference

- ▶ **Ounce Project – Mary Scott**
 - × Presentation on Ounce Research Project – Looking for licensed family child care providers to participate in a research project to determine how using The Ounce Scale affects their professional development.
 - × Tamie will distribute information to MnTRECC contact list and let them know that MnTRECC will reimburse mileage for any American Indian provider who is interested in participating in the training sessions

- ▶ **Center for Inclusive Child Care – Cindy Croft**
 - × Cindy could not attend meeting today – Center for Inclusive Child Care has many opportunities available for training in the area of working with children with special needs. Tamie will be in contact Cindy to look at option for developing tentative plans to pilot a statewide project within tribal communities

- ▶ **Special Projects – Sandra Williams**
 - × Tribal Early Childhood Curriculum Work Group is meeting monthly to develop strategies for using Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum as a base in training delivery to American Indian communities - Reviewing ITTI and other curriculums to bring them together with PIP to ensure cultural relevance – Group is currently in planning stages with future plans to submit proposal to Bush Foundation (through DHS) for implementation phase – Implementation phase would include: Curriculum Development, Certification Process and Training Delivery. Three of the group members will be presenting a panel discussion on the Tribal Curriculum Work Group at the Sharing the Wisdom Conference.
 - × Metro Work Group has been meeting every two months. Initial group brainstormed ideas on current resources available in the area and needs of the community. Recruitment has taken place for a core group to attend meetings and set some goals & strategies to fill the needs that were identified in the brainstorming sessions.

- ▶ **Trainer Support – Diane Smith**
 - × MnTRECC has scholarships available for Sharing the Wisdom Conference
 - × Not By Chance TOT is being held at the Northern Lights Event Center today and tomorrow with 5 American Indian trainers participating
 - × In the final stages of developing a draft for the Not By Chance American Indian Community Guide that will assist trainers in delivering Not By Chance training within American Indian communities

- ▶ **MnTRECC Retreat**
 - × The MnTRECC Retreat will be co-sponsored with the ACF Region V Offices beginning today and continuing through tomorrow. Tribal Child Care programs will be reimbursed for travel through ACF and MnTRECC will reimburse travel for State partners
 - × Retreat begins at Tianna Country Club with a presentation by Richard Chase on Family, Friend & Neighbor Care in Indian Country at 4:30 p.m.
 - × Other topics tomorrow will include sessions on poverty, school readiness, the Tribal Data Tracker, etc.

▶ **Future Meetings**

- × October 6, 2006: MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting in Walker from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- × October 5, 2006: DHS Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting in Walker from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- × February 2, 2007: MnTRECC Planning Team Meeting in Walker from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- × February 1, 2007: DHS Tribal Early Childhood Network Meeting in Walker from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.