

## **PLANNING TEAM MEETING October 11, 2007 Notes**

**Present: Vondalee Carr, Jean DuFault, Sylvia Mathney, Becky Littlewolf, Tammy Wickstrom, Heidi Mans, Audrey Roy, Kim Lage, Betty Jane Schaaf-Beck, Lora Kussman, Diane Smith and Sandra Williams**

Updates on the MnTRECC grant program was discussed by Sandy. During the last MnTRECC grant round awards were given to four early childcare programs. All four programs followed grant requirements and all four grants were closed out by MnTRECC staff Ann Cloud. A grants advisory orientation was held on August 17, 2007 to set grant priorities for the 2007-2008 grant year. Grant advisory members made the determination to allow individuals to include in their proposals the purchase of a computer. The computer would allow child care providers better accessibility to training opportunities by opening up the avenue of gaining training through on-line programs. Grants will be made available to American Indian Child Care Providers on September 3, 2007. The grants advisory committee will come together on October 26, 2007 to review applications and determine awards.

MnTRECC staff Diane Smith attended the meeting to discuss with planning team members what the process should consist of when selecting participants to attend the Positive Indian Parenting Training. Diane provided a draft of the new process and planning team members approved with no additions.

Sandy discussed the CCR&R Tribal posters that Elizabeth Cooper(CCR&R) is developing. Sandy asked who would be interested in taking their own pictures for the posters as there is a photographer who is willing to do the photographs pro-bono. Leech Lake and Grand Portage would like to take their own photos and the other reservations represented are interested in having the photographer take the photos. Sandy will follow-up with Elizabeth Cooper and email planning team members will details.

Sandy informed planning team members that MnTRECC had received funding from DHS to continue work on updating the Minnesota version of the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum. The curriculum work group will meet to continue the work on October 22, 2007 at the Grand Casino Event Center in Mille Lacs.

Member agencies gave updates on their programs.

A discussion was held on whether or not the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum should be converted to an on-line curriculum. All members were in agreement that the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum should not be offered as an on-line training.

Planning team members discussed the challenges Tribal child care providers encounter when attempting to find insurance coverage. Ofelia Lopez (DHS) will

**contact the Department of Human Services to request their assistance in a letter being written detailing that Tribal licensing standards are comparable to state standards. Sandy provided a contact list of insurance carriers.**

**Gail Mahr (CCR&R) presented an overview of the Environmental Rating Scale Consultation Project. MnTRECC had developed a statewide model to be used with Tribal child care providers.**

**Sameerah Bilal-Roby was unable to attend the meeting to give an overview of the Healing Vessels and MELF projects.**

**Planning team members were asked to share information on culturally relevant curriculums that they were aware of as MnTRECC will be providing a Training of Trainers utilizing a new curriculum. Members will contact Diane with ideas of curriculums to be utilized.**

**Members were invited to attend the Tribal Training Access Meeting at Tianna's Country Club at 5:00 p.m. Members were invited to attend the Tribal Network Meeting to be held at the Northern Lights Event Center on October 12, 2007.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**