ECE Advisory Committee Meeting and County Wide Advisory
Weed Campus
Notes April 17, 2014

Attendees:
Patrice Thatcher COS; Carol Wheeler COS; Patty Brown Karuk Head Start; Mike Michelon Siskiyou Childcare Council; Cathy Scott COS Discovery/Shasta Head Start; Kim Greene Siskiyou ROP; Priscilla Stack Siskiyou Early Head Start

Campus Update:
- Janis Laliacona is going to Walnut Creek; Cora Brownell will be Interim Director of Nursing.
- Presidential search continues

Early Childhood Education Update:
- Consortium
  - Stipend of $7500 to go towards 300 units @ $25/unit
- FTES
  - Decline of 7-10% consistent with all of California Schools
  - Students are excited again
- Permit Party
  - Paperwork is being submitted for permits at all levels
- Course Rotation and Summer/Fall 2014 Classes
  - Summer is all online
  - Articulation for AS-T with CSU’s & SOU
    - Kim Peacemaker – Yreka Campus
    - Josh Collins – Weed Campus
- Video Conferencing
  - There is concern that some instructors will not use the technology based on experience that has been glitchy and not user friendly.
  - Videoconference works well for ECE classes, instructors are familiar with the technology and use technical assistance well.
  - Online cannot replace video conferencing for the ECE Program
- Curriculum Mapping
  - ECE competencies mapping tool is being developed and the COS ECE Program would like to participate. We have asked the dean for Perkins funding to hire an adjunct to help do this, as we did with the CAP (Curriculum Alignment Project). Awaiting response.
- Abacus Project
  - The COS ECE Program has been approached with an offer from The Ford Family Foundation.
  - $90,000 Grant to support an initiative to influence adult attitudes in regard to Early Math
  - Developmental Appropriate Experiences and Materials
  - Materials based curriculum supporting
    - Tangible learning
    - The target audience is the rural community
- Based on High 5 Mathamatize
- BUILD Initiative
  - Department of Education
    - Early Education is important
    - Rural children are at risk
  - Collaboration for Federal Funding
    - Where does COS apply?
  - This is a National Initiative
  - College of the Siskiyou would like to work with all of the local Head Start Facilities
    - Tribal Head Start is Region 11
    - Head Start is Region 9
- Foster and Kindship Care Education
  - Doing more training hours than mandated
  - Fully using funding
- Local Planning Council
  - Provide dinner
    - “The Joy of Music” May 9th
    - Legislation AB 837 still in the air
    - Early Education Credentials are being discussed once again.
- Mentor Program
  - Added new site Greta at McCloud
  - Currently at 5 sites
    - Discovery Child Development Center
    - McCloud
    - Karuk iHead Start
    - Siskiyou Early Head Start
    - Judy Miller’s Family Childcare
  - We are in the process of adding “prescreening” for teachers
  - Re-designated two mentor directors
    - Patty Brown & Carol Wheeler
  - Individual Mentor & Teacher mentoring
- Community Programs
  - Kindergarten Fair @ COS Student Center
  - All local Kindergartens except Mt. Shasta attended this year
  - 4 Centers attended
    - Discovery Child Development Center
    - Ana’s House
    - Mt. Shasta Head Start
    - Child Care Council
  - First 5 came and handed out books to the children
  - Nursing came into Head Start for Clinicals
    - 12 Nursing students in 6 weeks
  - Karuk Head Start - Patty Brown
    - Challenging year
    - Federal Review is coming up
- Program has full enrollment
  - Hired a new teacher
- Parent Workdays
  - New planter boxes installed
  - Soft fall material
  - Health and safety has been strengthened and reinforced
- Siskiyou Early Head Start--Priscilla Stack
  - Federal Review is over – awaiting results
    - Use classroom as a model
  - Infant Health Fair
  - Siskiyou Early Head Start Committee will assist in looking for the progress children are making and discuss the School Readiness Goals as related to Infants & Toddlers, in relation to the current curriculum.
  - Will set up a meeting in June
- Kim Greene – ROP
  - No ECE Programs currently
    - Pathways Grant---ECE not in luded
    - Redistribution of funds
    - Funding from the State is more than likely not going to exist after 2014-15
    - Career & Technical Education classes making a huge come back
    - “Middle College”—Transitional Programs