



Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee  
Fall 2009, October 15, 2009, 12:00p.m.  
Distance Learning Center 4 Weed Campus  
Yreka Campus Room a via Teleconference

**Present:** Weed: Ana Fisher, Patrice Thatcher, Suzie Lux, Jeff Cummings, Cathy Scott, Roi Michele Murphy, Carol Wheeler and Patrice Thatcher. Yreka: Kate Ashbey, Patty Brown, Marian Murphy Shaw, and Brenda Sisk.

**Absent:** Karen Pautz, Susan Whitlow, Kathy Crossman, Patty Leal, Nicole Whitlow, Kimberly Knudsen, Emily Lacroix, Anne Mero, Kim Greene, Sunny Greene, and Susan Kirsher.

**Ana Fisher**                      **Call to Order and Welcome**

**Committee**                      **Acknowledging the loss of Cheryl Johnson**

**Item 1.**

**Patrice**                              **Fall Classes and Students**

Fall classes are well enrolled. Because of state budget concerns, the college is limited in the number of FTE for which we will be paid by the State of California. As a result, after all these years of over-enrolling, and seeking to increase FTE, we were in a position this fall to limit class size. Therefore, classes filled up fast this fall. This is a new experience for our students and we hope it will encourage planning and early enrollment in the spring. Our students make-up this fall reflects the number of students who have graduated and received their permits over the past few years. We have lots of *new* students. They are atypical in that many of them are not yet employed in early education. They are not the usual employed and returning students. Of course we still have those students, and quite a few potential transfer students.

**Item 2.**

**Patrice**                              **VTEA Hiring**

Our program received funds through VTEA/Perkins Funding to hire two new positions. Using these funds we have hired a Curriculum Alignment Specialist to prepare and submit our classes to the CCCCAP—California Community College/California State University Curriculum Alignment~CORE 8 Project. We are also in the process of hiring a liaison between DCDC and the Early Childhood Education Program.

**Item 3.**

**Kate**                                      **CCCCAP**

Kate has been hired, using Carl Perkins funds, to submit College of the Siskiyous Core 8 Classes to CCCCAP for alignment. We are well prepared for this and classes will be submitted by March. Core 8 classes are:

ECE 1/Introduction to Early Childhood Education: Principles, Practices and Standards,

ECE 6/Child Development,

ECE 7/Child, Family and Community,

ECE 8/Observation and Assessment, ECE 9/Child Nutrition Health and Safety,

ECE 14 Curriculum and Materials,

ECE 24/Practicum,

ECE 26/ Serving Children and Families in a Multicultural Society—

**Item 4.****Patrice****Child Development Training Consortium****Funding**

We have received funding from CDTC at the same level as in previous years. Last year we 'over earned' significantly. Funding has not been increased to participating colleges. CDTC itself continues to be funded through the sources they have had in the past, however, some of their state funding has been transferred to funds from the federal stimulus package endangering funding when this source expires.

**Cohort**

As noted above our student group is different than it has been in the past. This affects the number of students who are eligible to receive CDTC stipends.

**2009-2010 Student Eligibility and Payment Policies**

The Committee approved the policies included in their packet. We adhere directly to the CDTC funding guidelines which are printed on the back of the COS document.

**2009-2010 Budget**

The 2009-2010 budget is \$7,500. Students employed and going to college will receive \$25/unit according to our Student Eligibility and Payment Policies.

**Item 5.****Cathy Scott****Discovery Child Development Center**

Cathy has been busy with both the children and the ECE 1 students. Discovery Center participated with Read Across Siskiyou County. The children are headed to the pumpkin patch on October 16. Cathy discussed the ECE Work study students indicating what a great asset they are to the ECE program. Many times these students step in and help with the children while Cathy is working with the ECE 1 students. It is quite a task to juggle both the students and children. Cathy is doing a terrific job.

**Item 6.****News from the Community**

**A) LPC**—Emily Lacroix was out of town. Kate Ashbey communicated that The Local Planning Council is collaborating with the Mentor Teacher Program, using combined funding for Quality Improvement initiatives specific to qualifying early education programs. These programs will include mentor teacher support, money for materials and curriculum and assessment through use to the ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) or ITERS Infant Toddler Rating Scale). The Local Planning Council is, additionally, preparing for the Five Year Review and Assessment of Need. Finally, the State of California has authorized transfer of State Preschool funds and spaces between agencies in-county.

**B) Karuk Head Start**—Patricia Dee outlined the goals included in the recent grants which Karuk Head Start has received. These include a new bus, Yreka center remodel and playground improvement. Patty also mentioned that there have been confidentiality concerns arising from student visits and observations and reminded us that ethical and confidentiality component is included in any observation assignment.

**C) Siskiyou Early Head Start**—Nicole Whitlow was not present however Patrice noted that SEHS also received additional grant funding. SEHS will be adding 5 new home visitors, 2 teachers and an aide, as well as an additional toddler room.

**D) Independent Programs**—Ana Fisher of Ana's House shared concerns in regard to absences, possibly related to H1N1 fears and increased caution.

**E) Family Childcare**—Kimburly Knudsen was not at the meeting, her partner passed away recently. However, Patrice said that Kimburly's new family childcare location has been licensed and that Kim is working hard to continue her work with children and families.

**F) ROP**—Kim Greene did not attend, but Marian gave an up-date on Kim's activities. Kim will be attending a Work Experience Training in November. Kim has attended a Train the Trainers

to develop entrepreneurs. Kim will be working with College and High School students on how to start your own business.

SB 70 has scheduled three fall events:

Sept 15 – A Pathways Articulation Day was held at College of the Siskiyous.

Oct 6 – Tech Prep Steering Committee Meeting and Community Wide Advisory meeting was held in Yreka. Members from various advisory committees throughout the county met to discuss their programs. A lot of great information was passed back and forth and a meeting will be set again next year.

Oct 20 – High School and College counselors will meet at the County Office of Education and discuss career pathways.

November 5 – Extreme Entrepreneurship Tour. Contact Christy Dawson at 938-5305 for more information.

Marian indicated we need more foundation/entry level courses for 7-12 students. We need courses that can provide students with summer or after school work. An example was the 67 hour Wildland course where at the completion of the course and if the student is 18 years old, they can be hired for seasonal work. These types of courses will give the students a taste of what that career is about.

**G) Foster Care and Kinship**—Susan Kirsher was not present.

**H) CTE and Career Pathways** – Jeff discussed a meeting at Butte for Career Pathways. Jeff indicated that Siskiyous and Humboldt are way ahead. Jeff indicated that we need to have a pathway for 7-14 students in every career path.

Jeff also indicated that we are at capacity on enrollment at COS. The college's cap is 2,500 and we are 12% above cap. We will not be able to add additional courses in the Spring and will be cutting many non-degree/certificate courses. All ECE courses pertain to either a permit, certificate, or degree.

**I) Health Department**—Patty Leal was not attending.

**J) Counseling**—Sunny Green was not attending.

**K) Siskiyou Childcare Council**—Suzie Lux discussed that “Latch Key” has been taken away. Funding is a little jumbled at this time, but working on cleaning it up.

**L) Family Resource Centers/First Five**—Karen Pautz was not present.

**M) Mentor Teacher Program**—See “LPC” above.

## **Item 7.**

### **Patrice Retention and Articulation**

**CTE Transfer Rates**—Patrice shared information on transfer rates for various majors which she received at a recent Student Success Conference. Early Childhood Education data is notably absent, and our field receives little acknowledgement in this area.

**SOU Articulation**—We continue to work with SOU in regard to articulation to the Early Childhood Development Program. Their representatives will be visiting our ECE 1 class again this fall.

**Title III** – Patrice is talking with Valerie Robert's the COS Title III/Basic Skills Grant Coordinator about a possible “Working Cohort” of ECE students meeting onsite at local workplaces to complete Core Classes.

## **Item 8.**

### **Patrice Spring Classes and Planning**

Please see the included, **edited and corrected**, list of classes to be offered in Spring 2010. Our Annual Program Review will include a section including assessment of a Distance Learning rotation of classes in order to support other disciplines in offering DL classes, as well as speaking to our students' need for General Education Classes.

## **Item 9.**

### **Committee Other Topics**

Carol Wheeler discussed a new program called “Early Sprouts”. Carol found funding for the program which targets 6 vegetables in 24 weeks. Each Vegetable is repeated every so many weeks for 24 weeks. This program introduces new foods into children’s homes.

Adjournment

1:40 p.m.