College of the Redwoods Early Childhood Education Program Child Development Training Consortium Advisory Committee May 2, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Sydney Fisher Larson, CR ECE Faculty, CDTC Co-Coordinator Claire Knox, HSU Child Development Faculty Deborah Pena, Changing Tides Family Services Aristea Saulsbury, Teacher/Director, Humboldt Educare Kathy Vitale, Owner/Director Teacher's Pet

Members Absent:

Judi Andersen, Local Child Care Planning Council
Carissa Bowser-Smith, Family Child Care Association
Michelle Hancock, CR CDC Director, CDTC Co-Coordinator
Mary Ann Hansen, First5 Humboldt
Diana Herrera, State-Funded Program Director (Program Closed)
Helen Love, First5 Humboldt
Kristie Martinez, Coordinator, TANF CDC
Leah Sanders, Teacher/Director, Children's Cottage Preschool
Chris Titus, Northcoast Children's Services Head Start
Laura Wyrick, Student Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. After introductions, Sydney Fisher gave a brief summary of the CDTC Program. This year there were 44 participants (unduplicated) from twenty different organizations. The breakdown by area was 70% Humboldt County, 18% Del Note County, 2% Mendocino County, and 10% other counties (due to online courses.) The text book loan program funded with CDTC funds continues to be well utilized by students.

The committee discussed the Student Eligibility and Payment Policies for the 2013-2014 academic year and voted to continue to support all eligible students with CDTC stipends in the next year. The Student Eligibility and Payment Policies will be submitted to CDTC.

Sydney shared the proposed CTEA project for next year, a "Men in Child Care Summit". The committee will discuss the specifics of this project in the Fall when funding is confirmed. This year's project, the Student Online Handbook has been available to students on the CR Web Page since last December. It was shared with students in two of the introductory courses this Spring.

The committee reviewed and confirmed the reimbursement priorities for Child Development Training Consortium's enrollment reimbursement program for the 2012-2013 year. Given the need for education of providers in the community there was consensus that stipends continue to be given to all eligible students for all courses.

Kristie Martinez, the Mentor Program Coordinator, provided a written update of the Mentor Program. There are currently eight mentor teachers and two director mentors. The program is currently in the selection process. There is a Director Mentor Seminar scheduled for June 4 at the Humboldt Area Foundation

Sydney shared the progress on the Competencies Integration Project (CIP) and the Competencies Self-Assessment Tool (COM-SAT). These programs should be completed and released to the public early next fiscal year.

Sydney reminded the committee about Training Portal. The portal is housed on the Child Development Training Consortium web site and will, when completely up and running enable early childhood educators to locate classes and trainings in their communities. Committee members anticipate that this will be a useful tool for their programs. https://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdtc/search/tp_e

The fall advisory committee meeting was set for October 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Teacher's Pet in Eureka. Please mark your calendars!