

**College of the Redwoods**  
**Early Childhood Education Program**  
**Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**February 27, 2014**

**Members Present:**

Wendy Jones, CR CDC  
Claire Knox, HSU Child Development Dept.  
Yvette Lopez, Student Representative  
Kristie Martinez, Mentor Program  
Pam Manning, Resource & Referral  
Leah Sanders, HAEYC & Children's Cottage  
Chris Titus, Head Start  
Kathy Vitale, Teacher's Pet

**Members Absent:**

Judi Andersen, LCCPC  
Jennifer Gonzales, First 5  
Mary Ann Hansen, First 5 & HSU  
Ruth Mitchell, Eureka High  
Linda Powell, Family Child Care  
Aristea Saulsbury, Humboldt Educare

**Guests:**

Lisa Monet  
Rick St. Charles

The meeting started with a preview of the ECE recruitment videos being produced by Circle Sound Productions. The videos are focused on recruiting men and dual-language speakers in to the ECE field. There will be a roll out meeting with a panel of video participants in April.

The CDTC Program had fairly low enrollment in Fall Semester. The deadline for spring applications was the day of the meeting. Given current numbers we are still about 65 units short of earning our contract. Committee members asked if we could extend the deadline and they have agreed to contact ECE employees who may be eligible. We will extend the deadline to March 17.

The Mentor Program is in the middle of selection. They are still actively recruiting for mentors in Crescent City and Hoopa/Willow Creek areas. They held a very successful Mentor Director Seminar (co-sponsored with First 5 Humboldt) in

January. The outreach to the Klamath-Trinity area was successful with several attendees from Hoopa.

Committee members were given updates on statewide initiatives impacting the ECE field. These included the release of the Competencies Self-Assessment Tool (CompSAT) that allows those who work in the ECE field to self-assess their level of competencies from the California Early Childhood Educator Competencies. This will enable people to more effectively plan the courses and workshops they take to address areas in which they need support.

There was a discussion of the two pending Senate Bills, 837 and 1123, which could fundamentally change ECE services in California. There was also a brief discussion of the exploration by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to reinstate an Early Learning Credential. These were informational items.

The ECE Program Coordinator explained the proposal for the CTEA funds for the 2014-15 academic year. If funded, this would provide individualized or small group orientations and session for men and Spanish-speakers entering the ECE field to help them understand the regulations of Title 22 and Title 5 and help them develop relationships with counseling and advising staff to develop education plans.

Committee members appreciated that the concern from the last meeting, of students not understanding what courses they need to take to meet licensing regulations will be addressed in this proposal.

Committee members expressed concerns about the limited support currently provide to ELD students. It is hoped that the CETA proposal will help some of those concerns. Committee members are also concerned about the ECE students who are close to completing degrees but who are challenged by the math requirement for graduation.

The ECE coordinator agreed to talk with math faculty about the possibility of offering a themed math class to help these students.

Chris Titus, from Northcoast Children's Services reported that Head Start funding was restored and they are working to restore services that had to be eliminated during sequestration. They are continuing to have a difficult time hiring quality teachers, especially those with Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees.

The fall meeting was scheduled for September 25, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.