

**College of the Redwoods  
Early Childhood Education Program  
Advisory Committee Minutes  
October 16, 2014**

**Members Present:**

Wendy Jones, CR CDC  
Claire Knox, HSU Child Development Dept.  
Leah Sanders, HAEYC & Children's Cottage  
Aristea Saulsbury, Humboldt Educare  
Kathy Vitale, Teacher's Pet  
Erika Vandergraaf, Student Representative

**Members Absent:**

Judi Andersen, LCCPC  
Jennifer Gonzales, First 5  
Mary Ann Hansen, First 5 & HSU  
Pam Manning, Resource & Referral  
Kristie Martinez, Mentor Program  
Ruth Mitchell, Eureka High  
Linda Powell, Family Child Care  
Chris Titus, Head Start

The meeting started with introductions since there is a new student representative. We then reviewed the CTEA Grant for the 14-15 year. The ECE Program will purchase 40 iPad Minis (five of which will go to the Del Norte Campus) to be used to teach ECE students how to use the DRDP 2015 and DRDP Tech. Each classroom at the CDC will have so that the teachers are familiar with the iPads and are able to support students as they learn to use them.

The CDTC Program Fall Semester enrollment looks good – almost half of the units required to earn the contract have been submitted.

The committee was informed that College of the Redwoods now has all seven of the CAP Expansion courses approved. This includes a new infant-toddler course and a new special needs course. These courses will be added into the course rotation starting with the infant-toddler development course in Fall Semester 2015.

The committee discussed the eligibility and payment policies for the 14-15 year. Leah Sanders moved, and Kathy Vitale seconded a motion to continue to serve all eligible students. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mentor Program report was given by Leah Sanders. While the most recent selection process did not include qualified applicants from Del Norte County or the Hoopa area, Southern Humboldt County has successful applications for one Mentor Teacher and one Director Mentor. There are plans to collaborate with First5 to offer two Director Mentor Seminars one of which will address diversity issues in ECE.

Committee members were given updates on statewide initiatives impacting the ECE field. These included providing members with copies of the Professional Resource Guide and the recent Marcy Whitebook, Building a Skilled Teacher Workforce.

There was a discussion of the legislative changes to ECE services in California in the legislature at the end of the last session. The committee wants to follow the progress of the revision of the Child Development Permit. The committee is also interested in encouraging Humboldt County to begin to develop its QRIS System.

The spring meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.