

**College of the Redwoods  
Early Childhood Education Program  
Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 11, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Wendy Jones, CR CDC  
Claire Knox, HSU Child Development Dept.  
Pam Manning, Resource & Referral  
Kristie Martinez, Mentor Program  
Toni Sage, Student Representative  
Aristea Saulsbury, Humboldt Educare  
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  
Leah Sanders, HAEYC & Children's Cottage  
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 College earned 193 units in the Fall Semester and 238 units in Spring Semester. A total of 42 students were served in the two semesters. Stipends will be issued after grades are submitted and we confirm that students successfully completed courses.

District-wide there are 13 students graduating with Associates Degrees and 38 students have earned the Certificate of Achievement in ECE.

Committee members were informed that CR has now aligned all seven of the CAP Expansion courses. The two new courses, ECE 31 – Infant-Toddler Growth and Development and ECE 34 – Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs, will both be offered online in Fall 2015.

Kristie Martinez reported that the Mentor Program received all three supplemental grants for which they applied this year. These include large area, Director Mentor, and Adult Supervision class. They are currently on the selection process for new mentor teachers and directors for next year.

Kristie also shared that one Director Mentor Seminar was held in January and another will be held on May 26. Both seminars include panels of local early childhood educators sharing their experiences sharing culture in their programs.

We shared information for committee members regarding the work on ACEs by Nadine Burke Harris including the link for her TED Talk.

We also discussed the county progress towards developing a local QRIS system. Humboldt County is in the very preliminary stages of planning. Both local institutions of higher education are involved.

We also discussed the exploration of a certificate in coaching that First 5 California is exploring with higher education.

Claire Knox talked with the committee about Project T-K which the CSU system is developing with leadership from the Education Department at CSU Fullerton. This is in preliminary stages but is designed to bring current credentialed teacher T-K ready.

Claire and Sydney also shared that locally the Local Child Care Planning Council is developing a two day workshop for T-K and State Preschool Teachers to meet some of the requirements in last year's legislation. The two day workshop will focus on developmentally appropriate practice, environments to support children's learning, and the nine domains of the Preschool Learning Foundations.

Sydney shared that next year the CDTC Coordinator will be the new ECE faculty Darius Kalvaitis. Since he is not yet in California, we did not set a date for the Fall Advisory meeting.