

Early Childhood Council of La Plata County

Meeting Minutes April 14, 2011

Attendance: Tamara Volz, Jennifer Dallmann, Angela Atkinson, Diane Zimmerer, Charlotte Pirnat, Elizabeth VonTauffkirchen, Lindsay Sherman, Patrick Callahan, Missy Rodey, Heather Taylor, Jessica Keitz, Mary Gilden, Carol Blatnick, Carol Cochran, and Rachel Cameron

Meeting Outcomes:

- Partners share information on EC Council Projects & Committees
- Participants gain an awareness of the future work of the EC Council in relation to building and supporting local early childhood system infrastructures
- Participants gain a deeper understanding of statewide early childhood systems building and the implications of the local council work.

Topic	Discussion/Findings	Actions/Follow-up
<p style="color: red;">Introductions, Partner Agency Updates & Announcements</p>	<p><u>Welcomes/Updates:</u></p> <p>Elizabeth VonTauffkirchen announced that Bayfield Library will be offering a Summer Reading Program, ages 0-18 years.</p> <p>Rachel Cameron and Jessica Keitz announced that Rachel Cameron has accepted a position with the La Plata Family Centers Coalition as the new Program Director.</p> <p>Diane Zimmerer announced that the Touchpoints Training has been rescheduled and will now be offered on May 20th, June 3rd and 10th 2011. Please contact Diane at dianez@ecclaplata.org for registration or more information. Deadline to register is May 2nd. Cost is \$35 for the 18 hour Training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2nd round of FCCERS Applications will be going out soon. The applications are due June 22nd. • Recently, \$15,800 in mini-grants were awarded to 7 programs/23 classrooms. <p>Lindsay Sherman reports that Roberta Shirley recently received Environmental Rating Scale assessments and 6 of 7 classrooms scored above a 5.</p> <p>Carol Blatnick reports that Bayfield Early Education Programs will be moving to their new building the end of May. Since the new building is larger, BEEP was able to increase their enrollment to 120 kids next year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Camp enrollment starts Friday, April 22nd at 7am for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. <p>Carol Cochran reports that she has been busy prepping for summer and wrapping up Teaching Strategies' checkpoints and observations.</p> <p>Charlotte Pirnat reports that Head Start was able to pass through the budget cuts without</p>	<p>For information contact Elizabeth vonTauffkirchen at elizabeth@impl.org.</p> <p>For more information on Touchpoints and FCCERS contact Diane Zimmerer at dianez@ecclaplata.org.</p> <p>For more information on Summer Camp enrollment contact Carol Blatnick at beepprograms@qwestoffice.net.</p>

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	<p>having to make any cuts to the current fiscal year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Imagination Library Project at Florida Mesa Elementary kick-off is Thursday, April 21st at 5:30 pm. Each child will receive a free book and online registration is available at http://kiwanisfmlibrary.webs.com/register.htm. <p>Patrick Callahan reports that San Juan BOCES has been approved to offer extended services.</p>	
<p>Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Strategic Planning: Tamara Volz, Angela Atkinson and Lindsay Sherman briefly reviewed the Collaboration Survey from the February Early Childhood Council Meeting. The group then participated in a shared goals/objectives activity. Tamara will be sending out a summary of the results of that activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion was then held amongst group members about the process of local ECC Strategic Planning. <i>Council by the Numbers</i> and <i>the Common Data Points</i> template were distributed, which will be used across the state and for our local strategic planning process. 	
<p>Updates on Projects, Programs and Activities</p>	<p>Fiscal/Budget Updates: Tamara Volz reported fiscal/budget updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over \$23,000 was cut for the remainder of the current fiscal year, March-June. Some cuts were made to Community Based Trainings and Sub support. <p>Health Integration Coordinator Transition: Missy Rodey announced that she will be resigning from the position of Health Integration Coordinator. Angela Atkinson will be assuming the position of Health Integration Coordinator. We will miss you Missy, best of luck to you!!</p> <p>WOYC Update: Heather Taylor reported on the Week of the Young Child activities. All of the WOYC events offered this year received high levels of participation and great turn-out from the community. The appreciation event had over 100 participants. The art show will continue to be on display at the Durango Public Library through the end of April. The newspaper insert was distributed to many preschools and child care centers as well as <i>Durango Herald</i> subscribers.</p> <p>ECC Annual Report: Tamara Volz distributed the Statewide ECC Annual Report to the present council members.</p>	<p>For more information regarding Health Integration matters contact Angela Atkinson at aatkinson@centurytel.net.</p> <p>If you would like a copy of the ECC Annual Report, contact Tamara Volz at tamarav@ecclaplata.org.</p>
<p>Other Items Identified</p>	<p>Next Early Childhood Council meeting May 12th 2011 3:00 – 5:00pm</p>	