

Early Childhood Council of La Plata County Meeting Minutes August 11, 2011

Attendance: Elizabeth VonTauffkirchen, Lindsay Sherman, Tamara Volz, Angela Atkinson, Barbara Dodds, Jennifer Dallmann, Patrick Callahan, Valerie Mangrum, Char Schank, Rachel Cameron, and Carol Blatnick

Meeting Outcomes:

- Partners share information on EC Council Projects & Activities
- Participants gain an awareness of the work of the EC Council in relation to building and supporting local early childhood system infrastructures
- Participants gain a deeper understanding of the local systems assessment process & how the EC Council goals incorporate early childhood systems building to positively impact young children & families.

Topic	Discussion/Findings	Actions/Follow-up
<p style="color: red;">Introductions, Partner Agency Updates & Announcements</p>	<p><u>Welcomes/Updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara Volz led a welcoming activity. The group split up into groups of two and introduced themselves to their partners. Each member of the group then introduced their partners to the rest of the group. • Elizabeth VonTauffkirchen, Edythe Eberhart, and Patrick Callahan were all recognized by the EC Council for having near perfect attendance over the last fiscal year's EC Council meetings. Nice job guys!! • Rachel Cameron announced the Circle of Friends event that will be held on September 14th (8:30AM-5PM) and 15th (8:30AM-3:30PM) in Cortez, at Empire Electric in the Calvin Orton Room. The event is hosted by <i>Families First</i> and focuses on Parent Leadership. • Barbara Dodds reports that her hours have changed slightly and that the ECE classes have great enrollment numbers. • Carol Blatnick announced that the Grand Opening of the new Bayfield Early Education Programs (BEEP) center will be on Saturday, August 20th, 2-4PM at BEEP's new home: 645 Fox Farm Circle. There will be balloons, popcorn and FUN! • Char Schank announced that Southern Ute Montessori is having a Teaching Strategies Training on Tuesday, August 23rd, from 9-12PM. 	<p>Circle of Friends: RSVP by September 12th, 970-565-8155, or emailrose@nestcac.org.</p> <p>If you are interested in attending the Teaching Strategies Training please contact Char Schank at 563-4566.</p>
<p style="color: red;">Updates on Projects, Programs and Activities</p>	<p><u>Collaborative Partnerships Survey from CDE in August:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Collaboration Survey (conducted by CDE) has been sent to all <u>ECC Active Partners</u> as of August 16, 2011. A similar survey was conducted last year of which the results will be shared at the February 2011 Council Meeting. Last year our response rate was 54%. The target for this year is 80%. Please help us hit our target by completing the survey. 	

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	<p><u>Report on Lt. Governors Listening Tour:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara Volz reported that the main topic discussed at the tour was The Early Learning Challenge Fund Application Grant. • The issue of governance was not discussed as some had hoped it would be. 	<p>For more information on the Lt. Governors Listening Tour contact Tamara Volz at tamarav@ecclaplata.org.</p>
<p>Local Systems Assessment and Grant Planning Process</p>	<p><u>History of Strategic Planning and Five Why's Process to Determine Goals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April: discussion about the strategic planning process, distribution of <i>Common Data Points & Councils by the Numbers</i> • May : Strategic Planning Committee participated in Strategic Planning Webinars, reviewed Five Why's Process • June: Five Why's Process on Infant/Toddler Care ,Professional Development, Strengthening Systems , Governance & Health integration Goals • July: Five Why's Process on the Quality and Social Emotional goals. • August: Strategic Planning Committee presented draft of the Strategic Plan, reviewed the draft and solicited feedback. • September: EC Council will approve the Strategic Plan and the Strategic Planning Committee will begin to develop the Workplan. • October- additional Workplan development, and Public Engagement Plan <p><u>Present Draft of Strategic Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group was presented with the draft of the Strategic Plan. <p><u>Review and Discuss Draft Strategic Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group reviewed the strategic plan and offered feedback. There was some discussion regarding the wording of the Success Indicator for the Priority Goal: Professional Development but otherwise the group consensus was to approve the draft. <p><u>Follow-up Activity: What is YOUR role in this?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group participated in an activity which demonstrated how our own personal roles correlate with the Strategic Plan's priority goals. 	<p>For more information on the Strategic Planning process or the three year Strategic Plan contact Tamara Volz at tamarav@ecclaplata.org.</p>
<p>Other Items Identified</p>	<p>Next Early Childhood Council meeting <u>September 8, 2011 3:00 – 5:00pm</u></p>	