

Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners Northeast Region Group
November 21, 2005
1:00-2:14 pm

Conference Call Notes

1. Introductions and updates from organizations/agencies represented

Nancy Pfankuch, ECSE Program Support CESA 7

Nancy shared that you can now access the Birth to 6 Events Bulletin at

www.waisman.wisc.edu/birthto3/NovEVENTS.PDF

This is newsletter for “those who want to learn more about serving young children with special needs and their families”.

Ruth Chvojicek, Community Collaboration Coach for the Northeast Region

Ruth shared that there will be more Early Education Matters Grants available. Watch the listserv and the Collaborating Partners website for more details as they become available. Ruth also reported that there will be funding for the Community Collaboration Coach position for the next calendar year.

Renee Forsythe, RESource Coordinator for the Birth to 3 Programs in our region

Renee shared that you can access a document titled: Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program: Guidelines for Determining Eligibility at:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/b3etn/announce.htm>

She also shared that there will be a conference call sometime in December with the focus of transitions from Birth to 3 to Early Childhood. The call will cover such topics as how to support the transition and the how to serve the region with information on transitions.

Eleanor Dockry- Encompass Childcare

Judy Olson-CCR&R Appleton

Linda Gratz-Head Start CESA 7

Cathy Sedelbach-Division of Public Health

2. Conversation about November 16 training- Tools for Developing and Sustaining Successful Early Education Community Collaborations

-Total number of participants: 47 registered, 41 attended

-Estimated costs: NWTC estimates that the final bill will be about \$1030.00

This cost includes the food for the day (\$595.55) and the afternoon training costs (\$433.00). We may make a small profit from the event which we could use as a stipend for the morning speakers. Nancy will follow-up on this.

-Participant evaluations: Ruth reported that in general most participants rated the conference 4 or 5 on a 1-5 scale. She will be organizing the evaluations and will email the results and comments. Ruth will also send out thank you notes to the presenters.

-Nancy will send the extra Collaboration books that we gave out at the training to the members of the NE Regional Team that were not able to attend the training.

3. Review November 10 Videoconference

-Total number of about 40 participants at the two sites (CESA 6 and CESA 7)
-Evaluations from the CESA 7 site indicated that the quality of the video is a concern to participants. 8 out of 12 of the evaluations noted the quality of the video was interfering with their ability to get the most out of the video conference. Additional information for the video conference participants on the purpose of the off-line activities could help. These comments will be sent to the state level WECCP group for consideration.

4. Generate Mini-grant Ideas

-We received the WECCP Mini-grant application this month. We may request \$500.00-\$2000.00. The grant is due January 15, 2006.

Possible activities to fund:

- conference calls
- mileage to meetings or conferences
- food for full day regional mini-retreat in June
- funds to develop a regional listserv
- copies, postage, etc.
- conference fees for Preserving Early Childhood for team members or professionals in the NE Region

Continue to email Nancy with additional ideas. Nancy will then begin the process of writing the grant and will email the draft proposal to all members for input.

5. Recruitment of Members for the NE Regional Team

-Wendy Schmitz and Kristen Radke are no longer able to participate in the regional activities. Nancy will be in contact with the person who is taking over their roles at the Family Connections Child Care Resource & Referral agency.

-Possible new members: Ruth suggested inviting someone from the Door County area to join the team. Nancy will ask Jayne Baumgart for recommendations of individuals in the Northern CESA 8 Region. Cathy suggested that we invite the Regional representative from the Children with Special Health Care Needs to join the group. Nancy volunteered to make this contact. Cathy also suggested a short presentation on the purpose and goals of the WECCP to the group of nurses that she meets with might be helpful. Cathy and Ruth will coordinate this presentation. We would also like to add an individual with from the mental health field to our regional team. Please continue to think of other members that might be interested in working on the Northeast Regional Activities.

6. Discuss Communication within the Northeast Region

- Ruth will be investigating the costs involved with creating a regional listserv to help coordinate communication with the Northeast region.
- Jayne Baumgart is researching other platforms for the Professionals Connect Bulletin Board. There may be a better format than the one we currently have available.

7. Next Regional WECCP Meeting:

February 13, 2006 Meeting at Head Start Office in Manitowoc, 9:00-12:00

8. Future WECCP Conferences:

Dec. 8, 2005 Facilitation Workshop, Speaker Tony Reilly, Madison
Ruth will be able to attend this workshop.

January 13, 2006 Strongest Links Conference, Special Focus: Linkages to Economic
Development and Business Community
Linda, Ruth, Renee and possibly Judy will be attending this conference.

February 9, 2006 Video Conference at CESA 7, Green Bay, 9:00-3:00
The email from the state WECCP team regarding the topic of the next Video Conference
will be forwarded to all. Please review the email and forward any comments you have
regarding the topic to Nancy.

March 7 & 8, 2006 Preserving Early Childhood,
Speakers: Patrick Dolan and Peter Block

May 8-9, 2006 Assessments/Outcomes/Accountability Conference
Possible speakers: Sam Miesels and Tony Linders