

Early Childhood Education Advisory Meeting Minutes

10/24/18

Noon – 2 p.m.

COM Child Study Center - CSC 120 - Kentfield Campus

Welcome and introductions:

Marty Daly
Terry De Martini
Carol Baron
Tanya Myers
Genevieve Sollecito
Alex Jones
Maricruz Aldana
Shaquam Edwards
Heather Rahman

The committee reviewed the Child Development Training Consortium Grant funding and COM 2018-19 Initial Program Budget. Shortly after they reviewed the 2018-19 Student Eligibility and Payment Policies from Child Development Training Consortium.

Take away points included:

- Generally, it takes 10 hours a week to prepare for 1 class to curate.
- Saving money and taking so much time for class prep is not sustainable.

The committee discussed issues with text books and materials. The time it takes to obtain text books is valuable time from class. Sometimes the requirements are never met by some classes. Online materials have pros and cons. And, the student cannot mark on them. E-books have embedded videos and links and such.

Peggy asked for approval of Eligibility and Payment Policies. All approved.
(\$25/unit)

The Grant has adjusted through the process of demographics adjustment and the factors.

How are the students accessing or finding out about financial supplementation if they haven't applied for financial aid? ECE majors are solicited by Peggy reaching out to them.

Additional flyers stipulating "Are you getting all the funding benefits you can get?"
Use of laymen terms can help information get out to the ones who need the connection.

The committee discussed Marin Quality Counts (MQC). A flyer and brochure were passed around and the QRIS was described.

CSPPP California State Preschool Programs are required to be inspected and rated. One can view it at Marin County Office of Education.

Discover Marin COE – Early Childhood Education was presented by Carol and Tanya.
Rating system for childhood centers to improve standards for what's available for children
Bookmarked the links where to find the information. QI project – pre K3 through 3rd grade initiative for quality improvement in child development. The steps can be found on the website.

The committee discussed Early childhood Education Community Workforce project.

Maricruz Aldana coordinates the class cohorts. The pathway for ECE via COM in partnership with Marin Child Organization (ECECW). Kaiser is one of the supporting partnerships. Action Marin as well.

Deadline for enrollment for Spring semester. The committee discussed ways to circulate the flyer and how to reach out to ECE circles. ECE can incorporate in the CTE Newsletter. CCCApply is the most challenging enrollment hurdle. ECE is working closely with the COM Outreach Services office.

First cohort is progress. Class offerings are conducted in Spanish and English. General Ed is only in English and required for teaching permits, so knowing some English is required.

CTE Strong Workforce doesn't support the general education classes. Other sources of funding is needed for COM. Maricruz's office pulls 2 other partnerships that provides funding.

Reaching to the Spanish speaking community would bridge qualified candidates for open opportunities. Demand (open jobs) is greater than supply (candidates).

Funding sources now include Perkins Funds which is a 12-month funding. 23,000 was awarded and can be renewed 3 years in row. And, Strong Workforce funding for 18 months.

Throughout the LMI, Childcare worker and Preschool buckets do not reflect the reality of the workforce.

Peggy asked the committee questions that will help with the Strong Workforce application.

- Describe the local and regional education supply in the ECE? COM is the only educational offering for ECE.
- Consider surveying the Advisory Committee post meeting via email to give more time for thought and consideration??

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.