The Learning Cornerstone Community Advisory Committee Meeting August 16, 2001

Attending:

Willie Begay
June Curtis
Joel Eittreim'
Heidi Fulcher
Angelina James
Linda John
Ginny Lewis
Jo Reed
Lori Singer
Cecelia White
Tomie Zamora

Minutes of May 2 meeting were approved with no changes. Lori Singer was appointed new chair.

NPC Report:

Heidi Fulcher - Director, Division of Developmental Services, Winslow:

The FY01 adult basic education project at NPC served fewer students than anticipated. The project projected approximately 700 students, but only counted 640 in its final report. Over 750 students began the program, but many attended fewer than 12 hours; accordingly, these students are not shown in the totals. The 640 students who attended the 12-hour minimum accumulated 39,293 hours. The project exceeded its educational gains goals for every level. In most cases the gains achieved also exceed the goals for the next 3 project years. The primary reason for improved gains is certainly the project's pain-staking efforts to improve data collection. The project further attributes the excellent gains to clarified state standards and increased staff awareness of those standards. The project is becoming more visible to our teachers as it becomes a larger percentage of NPC overall TLC program and provides them more professional development opportunities. Six centers and four campuses aide positions were reclassified as Learning Assistants. The Learning Assistants have continued/increased responsibilities related to student intake and assessment. They also have new responsibilities related to data collection and reporting. Dawn Johnson will work extra hours and coordinate the data collection/input process project wide. This will place the data collection coordination under a single person whose primary focus will be that of data collection. The project was unable to meet the addition of a third Special Sites Coordinator for the Apache communities. The project will expend a greater percentage of project funds on activities for part time instructors. Unless additional state funds are provided, only 20 instructors will be invited to the state conference spring 2002. In-house activities will include workshops to improve teacher skills with the math and science curricula and to encourage use of technology in the classroom. NPC piloted a College Success class via interactive video. This course was part of the College's FIPSE project. The class had a slow beginning, but interest increased enough to substantiate continuing it in the upcoming year. More importantly it gave NPC instructors a chance to experience this delivery mode. Based on this experience, instructors are targeting other delivery modes for more basic curriculum. December 14th is the last day to take the GED test before the new 2002 test goes into effect.

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WIA Report:

July meeting did not make but human services meeting was scheduled for the 13th have not heard yet how the meeting went. NAA/Winslow has 16 students in "boot camp" which is a fast track class meeting 3 to 4 hours a day, 4 days a week for GED students.

Member Reports:

Willie Begay - Adult Basic Education Special Sites Coordinator/Instructor, Ganado:

Attended 3-½ day training on GED testing in Phoenix this month. The math test will be harder. Students will be able to use a calculator for ½ of the test. It was a very good workshop. Last fall Ganado High School had 24 adult students graduate. Ganado is expecting about 100 students this year to attend. Was informed this morning funding for youth program not available and unable to refer students to NPC.

Joel Eittreim - Director, Extending Learning Services, Holbrook:

The nursing program needs basic skills to start out with. We are working with the hospital on language problems and terminology. A new EMT program director starts working next week at NPC with a new class for 25 students starting the end of October. Grace Pooley is working with TANF program.

Angelina James - Adult Basic Education Special Sites Coordinator/Instructor, Hopi Center: Classes at 3 sites were cut this semester. Meeting with Mr. Hailey July 16th. He is interested in a new class at Whitecone.

Jo Reed – Jobs Administration/DES, ShowLow:

Will be retiring August 31 and moving to Illinois and working as a home ec. teacher. Wilma and Ginny will be taking over my job.

Ginny Lewis – Jobs Administration/DES, ShowLow:

New on the job with 100 client caseload after taking over some of Jo Reed clients. Budget is still on hold will know more after our meeting next week.

Lori Singer – W.I.A. AZ Affiliation of Indian Centers, Winslow:

Program still has money available for GED and training.

Linda John – Navajo Nation Social Services:

CSEB money for books available. Transportation is still a big problem for clients. Because of a change in federal code some clients have not received a check for two weeks.

June Curtis – Greasewood NDWD, Greasewood:

Will be sending 6 students to CIT for basic education classes. Three clients are taking GED test, one client will be attending North American Tec. One 15 year old has GED and will be going to Veterinarian school at Crown Point.

Cecelia White - Ganado DSS, Ganado:

Most clients want computer classes. Transportation and daycare are a big problem. Three clients received diplomas and two will be attending classes this semester. CSBG money still available.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Next meeting:

November 8, 2001 1:00-3:00 MST Fitness Center – CEC Building 2251 Navajo Blvd Holbrook, Arizona