

CDFS Advisory Committee April 5, 2016

Members present: Veunta “V” Dailey, Tasha Smith, Amy Obegi, Maureen McSweeney, Susan Smith, Nadirah Jones, Barry Bussewitz, Tony Ayala, Lisa Eckhoff, Jeanette Luedders, Elaine Kabisch, Becky Billings, Sabrina Drake, Christie Speck, Marion Cowee

- I. Introductions
- II. Agenda approved by all
- III. Minutes approved by Amy and second by Tasha with clarification that SNAEYC would not dissolve, but would instead become a chapter.

- IV. Discussion items
 - A. So far there has been one meeting and keynotes are still being discussed. The conference will be held the last Saturday in September (24th) even though there may be competition from other events. The group looked at holding the conference every other year or reduce it to half a day. There will continue to be conversations since without financial backing from SNAEYC it will be challenging without some changes. The two main costs: keynotes and lunch. The keynote can't exceed \$3000. Maureen agreed to be on the planning committee.
 - B. Enrollment is still down. Enrollment for the AA degree classes was low, where the AS-T model enrollment was steadier. The department is looking at changes to the curriculum courses. Maybe offer one per semester or combining some of the sections into one course. There was talk about how to increase numbers. Recommendations and suggestions are welcomed.
 - C. The college wants to offer a “summer boot camp” which is a 2 week semester long class targeting graduating high school seniors to encourage continued enrollment. Administration suggested CDFS 70 since it typically has high enrollment, but there was discussion that there may be a better course since that is a very dense course.
 - D. The ECE department is up for review this year: must look to see if any changes are needed. CDFS 52 (Children with Special Needs) has a prerequisite of CDFS 38. This makes it difficult for any parents of children with special needs that may want to enroll in the class and are not aware that they can get a waiver to enter the class. There was discussion around making CDFS 38 an advisory and not a requirement.
 - E. There are currently 35 TK teachers in Fairfield-Suisun School District. It will increase by 10 or 15 next school year. Many of them are unaware there is money through Nadirah at the Children’s Network to get reimbursed for CDFS classes; however because most of them have been grandfathered in they are not required to take the 24 units. CDE is also providing free TK training. The money that Nadirah has for reimbursement will not be around for long and few teachers are taking advantage of it. The classes offered at SCOE during the afternoon 1:00 – 4:00 have proven to be a good time for teachers to take classes.
 - F. The Sacramento State bachelor degree program is separate than the Child Development major; it's available through the College of Continuing Education Department and is the ‘Degree Completion in Early Development, Care, and Education’ (EDCE). Students would meet twice per week from 6:30-9:20 pm at Solano College. They need 20 students to run the cohort group. There is another

information session next Thursday, April 14th from 6:30-7:30 in room 1642. The cost is \$370/unit and students must have at least 45 transferable units.

V. College Program Reports

A. CDFS Department: Program Updates

1. The new Dean for the School of Social & Behavioral Science is Sandy Lamba.
2. No new online courses other than CDFS 38, 50 and 40. The correspondence course at the prison has been cancelled. CDFS 39 was being deleted, but now that the agreement with Sac State for them to accept CDFS 38 instead of CDFS 70 for CAP alignment has not happened; the whole process will have to start over. Students currently have to take CDFS 38 and 70 to transfer. CDFS 101.102 105 have not been offered in quite some time and are needing to be cut, unless anyone has a compelling reason to keep it.
3. The 12 units Certificate has received approval. It will include the core 12 units for the permit.
4. The faculty retreat is scheduled for April 10th here at SCC.

B. Sharon retired after 20+ years as a preschool teacher. Katie Zimmer started yesterday as her replacement. Interviews were held today for a new assistant. A long due kitchen renovation will be happening this summer. Looking at enrollment for fall will include infants again as young as 8 months old. The "Yes on Kids" measure will mean a 1/4 cent sales tax to support families & children.

C. The Mentor Program has 2 new applicants! Mentors cannot be TK teachers.

D. For Fall semester only 30 students applied for the stipend totaling 231 units and only 45 students applied for spring stipends totaling 379 units. For the first time the contract has not been earned by 8 units. It still seems as though the same number of students are being served, but fewer units are being generated. Discussion about how to reach more students who claimed they did not know about the stipend program ensued. Low college enrollment may also be a factor. Final evaluation of the program will show how many unduplicated students applied for the program. Permit request remain steady, but it has become increasingly more difficult for people to find active professional growth advisors. Textbook rentals remain very popular.

VI. Community Partners Programs and Resources

A. Solano First 5 - no report.

B. Information for May 3rd "Give Local Solano" was shared. The end of the workshops for the year is near. Most of the workshops are offered from Aug-June. The workshop room is no longer available, but they are remodeling. 'Parent Voices' is an advocate group that discusses childcare issues. Sb1154 child resource and referral bill is proposing to change Ed Code to describe it appropriately. Also, ab2150 is proposing a 12-month guarantee of services. FCC providers are bouncing back from the recession and opening their doors again. Ab2036 will have to provide trust line registry information for license exempt providers. Director Kurt Gálvez is retiring in June and provider appreciation day on May 18th.

C. CSI is anticipating changes due to TK and will be shifting expectations to more 3-year-old developmental milestones. Performance standards will be changing for the first time in 20 years. Attempts are being made to replace part year/part day model with a 6-hour day. The change will decrease the number of children being

served. Work is still being done with the EHS partnership grant for families to receive services at partnership agencies. The agency is hiring.

- D. No news other than 99% confidence that the non-profit status will dissolve and will become a chapter of the state.
- E. Solano County Licensed Family Childcare Association - no report
- F. There will be a big QRIS launch at SCC on May 14th that will include a keynote speaker and local dignitaries. The goal is to recruit more participants. There is funding available to new participants. The goal is to engage 14 providers.
- G. The next regional meeting is April 29th here at SCC where some of the hot topics are the state budget issues that need to be discussed (vouchers, etc) and the new requirement that all workers need to be immunized with MMR, DTAP and flu shots by this September. At this time ANYONE who is in the center even just to observe for an hour must have proof of immunization on file, which will be extremely cumbersome to manage.
- H. Solano County Library - no report

Next meeting October 26th 4-6 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.