

A.S. Early Childhood Education Advisory Committee

Spring Meeting

EPI Center

04/10/2018

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Present: Angela Loring, Mary Ann Goodrich, Carol Dinsdale, Ana Cabezas, Brooke Rittenhouse, Melisa Mari, Sonia Meier, Teri Statton, Brett Engisch, Yvonne Malague, Twanna Monroe, Anne Ryan and Miriam Larrea.
- b. Absent: Barbara Scarsbrook, Debbie Barker, Gail Ramsdell, Vikki Yates, Ann Hofmeister, Claudia Decker, Jackie Lang, Gino Cote, and Susan Weber.
- c. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 09:00 A.M. by Anne Ryan.
- d. New members: Anne Ryan introduced Ana Cabezas, ECE Instructor for Pinellas Technical College.

2. Read and Approve Minutes: Minutes from the Fall 2017 Advisory Meeting were read and approved.

3. New Business:

- a. Career and Academic Communities updates: Melissa Mari and Anne Ryan explained SPC Academic Communities. Communities are set by career category. These communities give students a better understanding of the programs, a sense of direction. Students are not locked in a community. Students may join more than one community. Students have a better understanding of where they want to go.
- b. JWB is now funding AS/BS degrees. SPC students should apply to the SPC Foundation. In order to see all the opportunities, they need to complete a general application and then once all the scholarship open they will see JWB listed.
The application period for fall expires 05/18/18. TEACH scholarships are also covering AS, BS and Master's degrees.
No GRE is required for the Master's degree and this is done at UNF. Dr. Christian Winterbottom heads that program. The Master's scholarship requires a paper application. Requirements and eligibility are different for everybody.
New TEACH recipients for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1) will begin classes in August. More details will follow after Anne Ryan attends the Tallahassee meeting on 04/11/18. Angela Loring mentioned local ambassador Amanda Houston, who is an excellent person who can help with questions about TEACH and JWB.
- c. Midtown Early Care and Education Collaborative: Twanna Monroe said this process is entering the 2nd year program and is going fairly well. Teachers go through many trainings. The main purpose is to help teachers understand how to help children. Some of the preschools participating are Community, Starling and Delores Smith preschool.

- d. Thrive by Five: This is a community initiative being facilitated by the ELC. Angela Loring said there was an interview and hiring process; however, the selected person was not able to start in the position. They have to start the hiring process again. This subject will be addressed in the future for updates.
 - e. Upcoming conferences and events: The Infant/Toddler Conference will be held on the SP/Gibbs campus on Saturday, October 13th. The Early Childhood Care and Education Conference will be held on the Clearwater Campus on Saturday, January 19, 2019.
 - f. Bachelor degrees in COE: We have a BS in Educational Studies with a track in Early Childhood Education. The BS is non-teacher certification. This is a Birth to age 5 focus. We have 2 students who completed the BS and are now completing the 12 credit graduate certificate in ITDS which is Infant Toddler Developmental Specialist.
 - g. Anne talked about the Florida Community College Early Childhood Educators Network (FCCECEN) which will be meeting in Tallahassee this week. One question to be addressed is the Certificate that meets the Tier 3 Certification on the Office of Early Learning Career Pathway. The proposed Certificate will include 36 credits and we will find out this week if the Certificate can include general education courses.
 - h. Anne reported on the DOE Curriculum Frameworks meeting in Miami in February – most changes were minor and the major courses in our A.S. do not need to change.
 - i. Changes to Articulation. The Workforce office will formalize a change which will allow students with a CDA type credential (FCCPC, ECPC and National CDA) to receive the nine articulated credits without entering the A.S. ECE program or meeting specific GPA minimum guidelines. Students in the A.A. track may also apply for the articulated credits.
 - j. Pathway for A.A. and A.S. – Anne spoke about the AA and AS pathways. Students have the option of following the A.S. ECE path (requires one Math) or the A.A. General Education path which is required to enter the B.S. programs in the COE. TEACH will fund the A.A. students if they complete 18 credits in ECE during the A.A. SPC now has a new Recommended Academic Pathway for AA Internal Transfer. TEACH has approved this new Recommended Path and will continue to fund students who follow this path.
4. **Community Sharing:**
- a. Ana Cabezas announced Hillsborough County has done a superb job with bringing Infant Mental Health trainings to the childcare centers, especially those serving high risk children. Hillsborough County is having an Early Childhood Council Conference on 6/28 – 6/29. They have been partnering with the Florida Association of Infant Mental Health.

Anne mentioned that USF also has several trainings coming up and she will share that information with Ana.

- b. Peace for Tarpon reported a trauma-informed care training which is a 4 hour online course. The notification came from Rod Davis/Provost TS Campus. Perhaps this could be an elective? Anne stated she will follow-up on this. But also mentioned that if this is a non-credit course it would need to be used as a CEU course and not an elective. She will find out who the point person is. This course appears to be coming from the Social Science Department not the COE.

- c. Mary Ann Goodrich - VPK final rates will be sent on 5/16/18 at the Board of Education Meeting. However, tomorrow will be a hearing from 11:30 – 12:30 for the proposed rates. Mary Ann asked the committee members to register for the conference call and gave a brief instruction on how to go on the website to register. She stressed the importance of participating in the VPK Readiness Rate web-conference. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and give opinions. They are counting on feedback to set rules. Rule-development workshops are important for that reason and the right people who need to be there should be there.
Another update is the Standards will be out soon. There will be a whole website. There will be a variety of trainings in May. These will be only for new people, new providers.

5. **The Spring Meeting** date, time and location TBD

6. **Meeting Adjourned** at 10:40 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Miriam Larrea