

# MnTRECC PLANNING TEAM MEETING SUMMARY

February 11, 2005

## Planning Team Present

Angie Schoenborn (Red Lake)

Renae Cook (Red Lake)

Tamie Finn (Leech Lake)

Barb Fabre (White Earth)

Heidi Mans (Mille Lacs)

Judy Posch (Bois Forte)

Sylvia Manthey (Grand Portage)

## Guests Present

Carolyn Carr (DHS)

Ofelia Lopez (DHS)

Patricia Ray (DHS)

Ted Niskanen (Head Start)

Jessie Schunk (CBTC)

## Presentations from Guests - Morning

- ▶ Carolyn reviewed process of **DHS Two Year Plan** – Discussed similarities & differences with Tribal Pre-Print – Discussed the requirement of the Good Start/Grow Smart Initiative for DHS and how Tribal Child Care could be involved in coordinating and collaborating with states - Carolyn will send a draft of Part 5 of DHS Plan to Tamie to distribute to Planning Team for review & comments sometime around March or April
- ▶ Ofelia presented information about the **Quality Rating System** – Discussed pros & cons of system & how it relates to Tribal early childhood & rural providers – Patricia will develop a summary of comments from group & send to Tamie – Comments will be sent to Planning Team for review & used as a draft for MnTRECC to compile a statement paper that will be delivered to the QRS Task Force (endorsement, opposition, recommendations, etc.)
- ▶ Discussed the concern of tribes not having a formal process for **Tribal Participation in State Initiatives** – Tamie will draw up a draft protocol and send to Planning Team & DHS for review – MnTRECC Planning Team plays in important role in developing the protocol & becoming involved.
- ▶ Ofelia presented information about the DHS **Professional Development System** & how the Core Competencies, The Early Childhood Indicators of Progress, Ready 4 K & the QRS fit into this new structure – CCR&R will be the point of delivery point for this model - Discussed concerns about ensuring Native American providers have supports to be able to participate (reaching criteria requirements, ability to be considered as a “credible trainer”, etc.)
- ▶ Jessie Schunk provided more detail around the **Competency Based Training Continuum** that is part of the Professional Development System & reviewed a draft of the framework – The framework describes training levels based on a providers experience, knowledge & training.
- ▶ Discussed the current work around the **Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIOP)** – Tamie will contact Betty Cooke to see when planning will start for training delivery of the revised ECIOP that focuses on 3-5 year olds – Tamie will contact Joann Enos to see when the next planning meeting is for the ECIOP that focuses on 0-3 year olds – Information will be sent out to the MnTRECC Planning Team to decide if they would be available to participate in the planning of either group.

## Planning Team Meeting - Afternoon

- \* **Program Summary** – Being collected to be placed on the MnTRECC Website and used as information for a Tribal Child Care Resource Directory - Need Bois Forte, Fond Du Lac, Mille Lacs & Upper Sioux
- \* **Definition of Native American Provider** – Tamie distributed an “eligibility flyer” that was developed for the MnTRECC Grants Program (see attached) – Planning Team members agree that these definitions are acceptable for MnTRECC services – MnTRECC has a separate database to collect information for those providers who fit into this category but are not listed in the CRRR NACCRRAware database
- \* **Grants Update**
  - **Round 1** - 6 awards were given (5 family & 1 center) – Applicants do not seem to have a concern about reaching the training hour requirement – Requirement deadline was extended for two applicants who are taking college courses that end in May (previous deadline was April 25)
  - **Round 2** – Because grant funds are still available, another round of grants was opened for “center-based & school age programs” only – MnTRECC Planning Team members were asked to promote this in their communities (See attached information)
  - **Start-Up Grants** – Funds are available through April 25<sup>th</sup> for family child care & center based programs that have recently been licensed or are in the process of becoming licensed.
  - **Family, Friends & Neighbor Initiative** – Funds are available to provide an incentive package to approximately 15 FFN caregivers – These are caregivers who are not licensed and are caring for children of family, friends or neighbors – Incentive package includes a \$100 gift certificate to Discount School supply & a first aid kit – Caregiver will be required to attend a minimum of 2 hours training on any health related issue (CPR, First Aid, SIDS, etc) – Receipts are not required to be sent in for orders from Discount School Supply
- \* **Training Coordination** – MnTRECC now has the capability to assist Tribal Child Care programs in tracking the training that is sponsored through their child care program - Services include advertising training on the MnTRECC website & through the web-based CCR&R Training Registry - In return for advertising, MnTRECC requests that Attendance Forms be submitted which will be entered into the Data Tracking Program – This will allow Tribal Child Care programs to receive reports on the training delivered
- \* **Positive Indian Parenting** – Tamie & Diane Smith (MnTRECC Training Coordinator) met with staff from the MN Department of Education & Valerie Tanner to discuss the history of & current activities of the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum – Tamie will be developing a draft plan for ways MnTRECC can partner with MDE in promoting PIP throughout the state – Future goals would be to hold another “Train the Trainer” event, provide support to current & new trainers – possible addition to curriculum focusing on the provider/caregiver environment, etc.
- \* **Tribal Child Care Administrative Training Plan** – The current MnTRECC workplan includes developing an Administrative Training Plan for Tribal Child Care Program Directors – One goal of this plan is to sponsor two MnTRECC Early Childhood Retreats for Tribal Child Care & other Tribal Early Childhood programs. Another goal of the plan is to provide training stipends for attendance at the Annual ACF Tribal Child Care Conference – This year’s conference is scheduled for April 24-27 in Utah – Tamie will send applications to Tribal Child Care programs who are interested – Acceptance would be based in order of priority for 1) MnTRECC Planning Team Member, 2) MnTRECC

Planning Team Alternate, 3) Tribal Child Care Program staff & 4) other Tribal Early Childhood staff in which the Tribal Child Care program is coordinating with

- \* **CC WORKS District Coordinator** – Child Care WORKS is recruiting for District Coordinators – If interested please apply (see attached)
  - \* **NICCA Membership** – Tamie distributed membership applications for the National Indian Child Care Association & last year’s advocacy agenda – NICCA is in process of developing the 2005 Advocacy Agenda – This is the first year in many years that NICCA has had full board membership from across the nation –Among others, some goals of the NICCA Board is to strengthen the credibility & structure of the board & association membership, for each board member to promote communications within their representative area & also to promote a more positive relationship with ACF
  - \* **NICCA Conference** – Plans are underway for NICCA to sponsor a National Conference during the period of August 30 – September 1 that will be held in Catoosa, Oklahoma (just outside Tulsa) – This is the first conference NICCA has held in many years & will coincide with the Annual Membership meeting
  - \* **Tribal Complaint Policies** – Discussed how tribal child care programs process licensing & child maltreatment complaints – Some programs are required to only contact the Tribal Licensing Agency or the Tribal Social Services Department – Others contact both the county & tribal agencies – Reviewed process of CCR&R Complaint Policies & suggested they be revised with ways to include tribal processes and contact information – This will be a future goal of the MnTRECC Planning Team
  - \* **Spring Visits** – Tamie is planning to visit all Tribal Child Care programs again this spring in April & May – Will be contacting programs that are not scheduled yet
  - \* **Next Meeting Dates**
    - ↳ Thursday - June 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - Planning Team Meeting – ½ day in morning
      - Retreat Sessions – ½ day in afternoon
      - Retreat Activity - evening
    - ↳ Friday - June 3<sup>rd</sup>
      - Retreat Session – ½ day in morning
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- ◆ Planning Team Meeting Topics (tentative)– June 2, 2005
    - Licensing Education Statement
    - Metro Outreach Update
    - Positive Indian Parenting Update
    - Tribal Early Childhood Alliance
  - ◆ Retreat Session Topics (tentative)– June 2 & 3, 2005
    - Two Year Plan Training
    - Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (0-3 & 3-5)
    - Setting Income Guidelines
    - Professional Development System