SUMMARY NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melonye Curtis, Mary Clare Munger, Larry Baker, Betsy Singleton, Karen Shaw

MEMBERS ABSENT: Emily Nance, Celeste Rodriguez, Beverly Harrison, Dr. Lulani Muthali

OTHERS PRESENT: Judy Horn (for Karla Weatherly), Pam Webb, Dr. Byrd, Jerry Moller

WELCOME

Melonye welcomed everyone and had them introduce themselves and explain their job.

CLASSES

Enrollment - There are 143 majors, full classes and a part-time teacher, Marie Manley, who teaches two night classes.

Head Start training - Head Start teachers must have associate degree by 2003. There are two classes of Head Start aides who are working on CDA credentials.

Distance Learning class for spring - Mary Clare is training to teach Introduction to Early Childhood Education in the spring through Distance Learning on the Polk Street Campus.

Clinicals - Students from 39 different child care centers are involved in clinicals. At the AC Lab School not only Child Development students are doing clinicals but also nursing and occupational therapy students.

Management I project - Mary Clare’s Administration class participated in a project with four Precious Child Learning Centers. The teams used assessment tool similar to PAEYC accreditation instrument and evaluated centers. Larry said that the project was as beneficial to him as it was to the students.

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING PACKET

Melonye created this training packet which includes a manual and video. It is used to train new child care employees and has been well received. This gives new employees the required eight hours of training they must have before going to work in a facility. It is especially good in areas where hands-on training is difficult. She is hopeful eventually to set up an emergency fund for students with the profits.

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Mary Clare and Melonye did a presentation on “Are You a Leader or a Manager?” in San Antonio this fall. Sixty people attended in this group.

SUCCESS BY SIX AND NEIGHBORHOOD NURTURING CHILDREN PROJECTS
Karen, Betsy, and Melonye are involved in steering and oversight committees. The Success by Six group came about through a grant funded by Bank of America through United Way to help children be prepared for going to school, Neighborhoods Nurturing Children came about from a commission appointed by the mayor to investigate the economic impact of early nurturing vs. neglect of young children.

APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR LEAGUE ENDOWMENT

Mary Clare has been working on this application and is asking for $30,000 for a music and literacy project. The Junior League will be involved in presenting music to the children. Part of the money will be to research the 0 to 3-year-old need for music and part will pertain to literature and the need for increased reading.

REPORT ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT LAB SCHOOL

Pam reported on a new Parent Based Curriculum they are implementing. The parents fill out a form which gives them an opportunity to request what they would like their child to learn. They have a backpack which contains books, activities, songs, recipes, etc. The children take turns taking it home and sharing it with parents.

Melonye invited the committee to see the new computer donated by United Way. It is for ages 3-8 years and has many programs including geography, math, science and reading. The three and four-year-olds share it.

CHILD CARE CAREER DAY

Melonye and Mary Clare are planning a Child Care Career Day in May or sooner. They hope to have child care centers come in a set up tables. Students can bring resumes and find jobs.

TEXAS CHILD CARE PORTFOLIO

Melonye handed out copies of the 1999 Texas Child Care Portfolio from the Texas Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies. It contains an overview of the top 26 counties in Texas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judy said that Head Start is using a pool of subs for part-time work. They are not required to meet the qualifications of full-time employees.

Betsy showed the committee a book she has written for babies. A copy is given to every baby born in Amarillo hospitals.

Minutes taken by: Cheryl Gailey
CHILD DEVELOPMENT/EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2000

SUMMARY NOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Clare Munger, Traci Lusinger, Stephanie Chew, Rebecca Conklin, Lizabeth Gresham, Celeste Rodriguez, Karla Weatherly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Babcock, Marilyn Bell, Melonye Curtis, Leigh Devore, Emily Nance, Betsy Singleton

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Moller, Tommie Ausbrooks, Pam Webb, Eric Bass

INTRODUCTIONS

Mary Clare introduced herself as the program coordinator and added that Melonye will still be working with us as a Board member and will consult with us on projects. Traci Lusinger began as full-time instructor at the beginning of the semester.

There are three adjunct night classes being taught by Marie Manley, PPCD in Canyon ISD and Patsy Allen, Tech Prep teacher at Friona ISD.

Tommie introduced Eric Bass who is a Basic Skills Teacher II in the Child Development Lab School but also works as a “family coordinator”. He is involved in parent conferences, home visits and monthly parent meetings among other things. Last year’s Self Study helped identify the need for Eric and the parent involvement program.

Mary Clare introduced board members and guests.

SUMMARY OF 1999-2000

In Spring 2000 an ITV course was offered. This Fall we are teaching another ITV class with Tuba. Child Guidance will be offered in Spring 2001 in Tulia and Dumas.

A job fair was held last May in the nursing building for our students and employees such as childcare centers and public schools. Employers asked us to do this again but the student turnout was low. Let us know if you think this should continue. It was suggested that it might be held in conjunction with the Job Fair and the Civic Center that is held in November.

Mary Clare told members about the growth of the Melonye Curtis Early Childhood Fund due to the generosity of colleagues and friends. It was recommended that the fund be added to the Charitable Giving Campaign.

CURRICULUM UPDATES
Mary Clare explained the curriculum changes in the CDA Credential Option, the Provider Certificate, the Administrator Certificate, and the Associate degree.

She also explained the TECA courses which are WECM based and are transferable to any Texas public university. WTAMU does not have any TECA early childhood courses which added about 100 students to our program. SACS requires 18 graduate hours in the field to qualify as an instructor of these courses.

The Spring 2001 class schedule was just completed. (A copy was given to those who attended.) An internet assisted course accessed through WebCT is being used on a trial basis this Fall. both Traci and Mary Clare are using technology to increase student learning.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GRANT

A $50,000 endowment from the Junior League began this semester and we will use the interest each year for literacy and music. Pam explained the literacy bags that children can check out for a week. These bags include books, journal, games, songs, etc. The Junior League volunteers will also help with newsletters and parent meetings. The music portion will help develop a curriculum 0-5 years which will be available to other programs serving young children.

EARLY HEADSTART GRANT

We concluded our EHS work with 2-year-olds September 1. We continue to provide education and training in our academic classes.

FUTURE GOALS

1. Organize room and materials – add a place for Eric and the parent involvement program.
2. Accommodate the increase in student enrollment.
4. Offer a lunch workshop once or twice a semester for one clock hour of training.
5. Make students aware of WIA scholarships from Workforce Development through PRPC.

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