

NORCO COLLEGE

Early Childhood Education Annual Advisory Board Meeting

5/20/2022

11:00 am -12:30 pm

Minutes

Welcome –

Introduce Yourself – What do you do? What brought you into the world of caring for children?

Attendees:

1. Heather Hernandez, First 5 Riverside County
2. Cecilia – Mundo de Ninos Academy
3. Rhonda Thomas – Consortium for Early Learning Services
4. Denise Kennedy – Cal Poly Pomona
5. Kevin Bash – Town and Country Day School
6. Rachel Gonzaga, Office of Assemblymember Cervantes
7. Elvia Cortes, Norco College (Did not catch company name)
8. Keith Drieberg – La Sierra University
9. 951-529-4988 – dropped of at 11:30
10. Maria Adams, Norco College
11. Sarah Burnett, Norco College
12. Stephanie Podein – Norco College
13. Ashley Etchison – Norco College

What's been going on with ECE at Norco College?

- Teaching online for over two years and its impact on our program and our students, and your future employees
 - Went online in 2020 and been online predominantly since. Practicum also moved online. Had amazing partnerships and allowed students to zoom into sessions with children and staff meetings. Students have been utilizing videos as well.
 - Have not had the opportunity to be in the classroom and teach activities to children but have been teaching to family members and others. Students are doing a lot of reflective work.
 - Have prepared students as best as possible. Theory but not practical ready.
 - As of next year, we will be back in the community. Sister colleges are back in person. Observations will begin in Fall.

- We have learned a lot, including a different way of getting information to students. We have come together as a community and found many great resources including the Multi-lingual Toolkit. We are also using tools to have students video themselves.
- Update on our partnership with AUSD and Stokoe Innovative Teaching Center
 - Joint venture with RCC and AUSD. Adult classrooms are embedded into the location. Kinder through 6th on the property.
 - Since closing in 2010 we have been the Temple Beth El and Head Start.
 - In 2017 Assemblywoman Cervantes submitted funding for Early Childhood Education, \$5 million.
 - Currently have an MOU going to the Boards, which has been agreed upon with faculty, administration, and boards.
 - Fall of 2023, first-class will open only to our ECE students. Students will have the opportunity to learn at an elementary site
 - Inclusion, Outdoor Classroom. Redoing the entire outdoor playground to be inclusive
 - We will be remodeling classrooms and check-in office
 - Students may have an opportunity to sub
- High Scope training
 - Will be attending High Scope training in July in order to integrate into courses.
- Participation in the UPLIFT grant with Cal Poly Pomona
 - DLL competencies
 - Recruiting underserved students – boost populations we are missing
 - Met with Employment Placement Coordinator and Adult Education Advisor
 - Create pathways for adult education students
 - Involve Umjoa program
 - Dual language competencies, aligning with teacher performance expectations. Integrating into our teaching.
 - The partnership will build upon each other's courses.
- Participation in Commission for Teacher Credentialing Pilots
 - Pilot 1 – Aligning with the Teacher Performance Expectations – CAP TPE Course Outlines of Record updates; tracking completion of 24 units; inclusion of diversity, equity and inclusion elements
 - Redo CORs to align with six teacher competencies, focusing on teacher-level permits. 16 units general ed, 175 hours.
 - Alignment has been done in CORs. Next is looking at major assignments.
 - Pilot 2 – Self-Study in preparation for accreditation
 - How do we self-evaluate our programs.
 - <https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/early-care>
- Move to Universal Preschool
 - Moving to accrediting early childhood programs at the CC and UC level to authorize the teacher permit.
- ECE Credential Universal Preschool – Third Grade
 - Denise Kennedy: dekennedy@cpp.edu
 - PK-3 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Specialist Credential June 3rd 9:00am
https://wested.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtduqvqzMvHtK_QsCBYooKY6b6fq

wEtG8Aand also CAAEYC Update on Developing an ECE Credential in California
June 6 5:00-6:30pm [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/update-on-developing-an-
ece-credential-in-california-registration-321860893597](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/update-on-developing-an-
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- Create a credential that is more meaningful and includes early childhood education
 - Looking at 2+2+1
 - Will require legislation
 - Link to the CTC that shows the pilots - go to the bottom of the page for links
<https://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/early-care>
 - Community members can provide input. You can add yourself to the listserve.
 - Learn more about P3:
 - <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/p3/>
- **What's going on in our Community? How will these changes impact your programs/role?**
 - Kevin Bash -
 - SB 976
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=2021202205B976
 - Teachers are very hard to find. Will this reach down to the private preschools? Town & Country training employees to meet tiers.
 - Packed with a huge waiting list.
 - Closed for 6 months due to pandemic
 - Lost 5400 preschools in CA
 - Open to students observing, Interim Director Carla will work with NC
 - Cecilia
 - Program is just opening, need for infant and toddler care
 - Very difficult to find teachers and pay them
 - Requirements for education is not related to what is happening in the field in ECE
 - Higher education equivalency.
 - Parents needing extended care
 - Sarah
 - Offer a noncredit class to write a grant for early childhood and local community providers?
 - Yes, there is interest
 - First Five
 - Pay is not equitable
 - First Five Riverside has a wage enhancement opportunity.
 - Phone and Email for staff and students currently working:
 - F5RiversideCountyWorkforce@rivco.org or (951) 955-0895.
 - Income eligible, must be less than \$41 an hour, must be employed inside Riverside County, employed at a licensed center/home, working directly with children.

- \$2400 per person
 - Looking for retainment to keep them working in the field
 - Released an RFQ for infrastructure funding, closing on May 26. Funding intends to assist with expanding access and capacity, not current operations.
 - Sarah - Apprenticeship with First5 and home visitations possibly forthcoming
- Elvia
 - Private sector
 - Struggling to hire in qualified in home visitations, also the regional centers are struggling to find service coordinators.
 - Slowly getting back on track
 - They are back in homes, a percentage is continuing virtually
 - College is the face for young adults to enter this field
- Sarah
 - Job Fair specific to Early Childhood specific: general, and special education
 - On Campus
 - Organize a work group
 - Yes, there is interest