

Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference
Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Attendees: Deborah Mirabal, Lolinda Lee, Pat Foster, Cheryl Encinas, Mary Bendle

MCS: Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski, Toni Dobrec

Lolinda called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. CDST. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda

Kristi added a third hotel, Crown Plaza San Marcos, to the 2007 Conference Hotel proposals. With that addition Cheryl moved to accept the agenda. Deborah seconded and the motion passed.

Approval of February 25, 2006 Minutes

Pat moved to accept the February 25, 2006 minutes with no changes. Cheryl seconded and the motion passed.

Final Conference Budget

Kathryn presented the final conference budget for the 2006 NACFC to the board. The conference had a loss of \$5,579.10, which was due to low registration. Deborah moved to accept the final conference budget. Cheryl seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kathryn presented the check register for the SWC. Cheryl moved to accept the check register. Deborah seconded and the motion passed.

Jacqueline Bird's Resignation

A letter from Jacqueline was presented to the board tendering her resignation. Jacqueline expressed interest in remaining active with the SWC, and a motion was made by Cheryl to invite Jacqueline to serve on the board as an Ex-Officio member from New Mexico. Mary seconded and the motion passed. Kristi will draft a letter of invitation and send it to Jacqueline.

Board Vacancies

Kristi outlined the board vacancies in NM/S.CO as well as the executive committee. Deborah will bring these vacancies to the attention of the NM/S.CO board. Deborah moved to table board vacancies until the summer board meeting. Pat seconded and the motion passed.

Reports from State Associations

Deborah reported for NM/S.CO: They last met on Friday, April 21st. Several cluster trainings are planned. Health Coordinator training at Acoma on May 31st. Communication with Directors on July 21st by Gail Goldstein. Myrna will present Child Outcomes in August. During the program sharing portion Rema Spitty let the other

directors know that she was considering resigning because of the stress and challenges she is dealing with. The group talked with Rema and is trying to help her with her concerns.

Mary reported for AZ: They have several cluster trainings coming up. Outlook Training with Content Area Plans will be presented by Diana Heward. PIR will be May 17th. A disabilities cluster training for teachers will be held August 8-10 which is open to all of Arizona.

Dates for Summer Board Meeting

Mary moved that the summer face to face board meeting be held July 7-8, 2006. Cheryl seconded and the motion passed. The meeting will be at the 2007 conference hotel.

2007 Conference Hotel

Kristi presented the NACFC Hotel RFP and the proposals that were submitted in response. Mary moved to accept the proposal from the DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, AZ for the dates of March 22-29, 2007. Deborah seconded and the motion passed. The Phoenix Marriott Mesa was chosen as the second choice hotel.

Legislative Update

Kathryn gave an update on the reauthorization of the Head Start Act. Everything is stalled right now and it doesn't look like anything will be resolved with this session of congress. At this point there is just not enough time left. In January there could be an entirely different congress to work with.

SWC Strategic Planning

Toni will need a day's worth of time at the face to face board meeting to discuss the strategic direction of the consortium.

Other Business

The board would like to have a special event Friday night during the face to face meeting to socialize with each other.

At 12:30 p.m. CDST Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded and the motion passed.