

Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
IHS-HS Albuquerque Office
October 27, 2007

Attendees: Deborah Mirabal, Lolinda Lee, Rita Jojola-Dorame, Rema Spitty

Other attendees: LouAnn Tenequer, Shelly Valenzuela, Cynthia Nells, William Maes, Lana Toya, Margaret Mascarenaz, Colleen Alivado, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski, Teri Stringer

Meeting called to order

Deborah called the board meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. Mountain Time

Approval of agenda

LouAnn moved to approve agenda, Rema seconded. Motion carried

Approval of August 6, 2007 minutes

Minutes were reviewed. Lolinda moved to accept August 6 meeting minutes. Rema seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Kristi presented the treasurer's report to the Board. Lolinda moved to accept treasurer's report. LouAnn seconded. Motion carried.

Report from State Associations:

NM-Deborah gave an update. They have scheduled a meeting for November 16, 2007. They will hold elections and fill vacant positions. Caroline Brownrig from the state collaboration office will be invited to attend the November 16, 2007 meeting.

AZ- Lolinda gave an update. Last meeting was on July 30, 2007 at Gila River. Discussed who was coming to Board meeting. State representative discussed state funding proposition 203 and how tribal programs will use it. Several AZ programs having reviews this spring. Next meeting is scheduled for November 8-9, 2007. There is a member vacancy that needs to be filled.

Auditors Report

Jim presented Accountants Compilation report and 990EZ reports.

Election of Officers

All officers are up for re-election

Chairperson- Call for nomination. Deborah was nominated, Deborah accepted. Accepted by acclamation.

Vice-Chairperson- Lolinda was nominated, Lolinda accepted. Louann made motion to accept nomination. Colleen seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary- Rita was nominated. Rita accepted. William made motion to accept Rita, LouAnn seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer- Call of nomination: Cheryl was nominated and she accepted. William moved to accept Cheryl as treasurer. Rita Seconded. Motion carried.

Fundraising information

Kristi presented fundraising information. Need to add a cover letter with #'s of participants in past years, types of training, and benefits of conference for children/families. Rita moved to extend the fundraisers from combined contributions from Head Start. LouAnn seconded. Motion passed. Kristi will develop letter and send out

Conference Planning

Conference Committees:

Fundraising- Lolinda Lee/Rita Jojola-Dorame

Door Prize- Pauline Wright

Banquet Decorations- Rema Spitty

Cultural Dancers- LouAnn Tenequer

Tesuque- Opening

Jemez- Wed lunch

San Juan- Thursday luncheon

Hospitality- William Maes/Lana Toya

Fun & Fitness- Rita Jojola-Dorame

Poster Session- Deborah Mirabal

Pre-Intensives- Sun-Mon

- Managing Systems (2 day)- Toni Dobrec
- Program Performance Standards- (1day)
- My Amazing Body (2 day) IHS
- Field Trip (1 day) Jemez- Sandia

Special Awards

Memorial for Ralph Fulgham

Recognitions

Head Start Teacher- "I am proud to be a Head Start Teacher" Button

Ribbons- same as last year

Keynote speakers

- Closing -Betsy Evans-Conflict Resolution with Young Children
- Wed- Update on Reauthorization
- Opening- Traditional Leader (NCIA) Joe Garcia
 - Deborah will write a letter of request, Rita will personally deliver.

Training Topics

Lyle Scholfold- Bus driver

Luncheon- 11:00-1:00

- Key note
- Plated lunch
- Kristi will send menu and decision at teleconference

Meeting adjourned at 12:15- Louann moved to adjourn meeting. Colleen seconded. Motion Carried.

Special Strategic Planning Meeting
October 26, 2007
Planning a New Direction with Vision

Members Present: Deborah Mirabal, Pauline Wright, Lolinda Lee, Shelly Valenzuela, Terri Tapia, William Maes, Francis Tafoya, LouAnn Tenequer, Cynthia Nells, Rema Spitty, Amy Wells

Purpose: Improve and promote direct comprehensive services to children, families, and communities served through training, technical assistance, communications and collaborations with various resources.

Advocacy: Once was a forum of concerns for Tribal Leaders

Focus Question: Do we want/need to have a SWC?

Baseline Situation (What is the current situation?)

- **Historical Facts**
 - 27 years of year experience
 - 503 C-good standing with state of NM and IRS
 - Made up of CO, AZ, NM Association members
 - Been up and down on activity
 - TFA facilitation and logistical support services
 - Web page for communication for members
 - Chronic vacancy on board
 - SWC has held 26 conferences
 - Parents and staff heavily participate
 - Conference focus on parents and staff participation
 - Participants vary from 275-700 Head Start staff, parents, and tribal leaders
 - Competition from Northwest
- **Current Project Status**
 - Operational Budget
 - \$118,000 Total
 - \$64,000 in Bank
 - \$53,000 CD
 - Are we in competition for participants
 - Training services offered locally (easier to access)
 - High staff turnover in HS directors position
 - Lack of information going out to members
 - Membership free
 - Duplication of objectives with NIHSDA
 - Lack of knowledge of SWC members in state
 - Chronic Vacancy on board
 - Teleconference meetings lack of quorum
 - Coordinate with AI/AN TAN
 - AZ & NM/C Association/Conference Participation (participation various depending on what state)
 - 13 AZ, 34 NM, 3 CO
 - 11 AZ, 10 NM, 1 CO programs attended 2007 conference

Winner's Circle

- Need more training for cooks
- Better communication with directors
- Communication with Tribal Councils on "What has SWC done for our program?"
- Training or material: How to market and approach casino and tribal leaders?

Present Terrain (Environmental Issues and Concerns)

- Competing for participants
- If we don't do conference will there be training available.
- Reauthorization
- Budget Cuts and COL expenses \$ fewer to support training
- NIHSDA provides information which addresses some of the SWC objectives
- Some Pre-K affect