

Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.

**Board of Directors Meeting
March 2 & 7, 2003
Sheraton Mesa Hotel, Mesa, AZ**

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Monica Carrasco at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Monica Carrasco, Cheryl Encinas, Jennifer Jackson, Cornelia Clendon, Jacqueline Bird, Larry Tsosie, Caroline Alcaida, and Phyllis Antone

Minutes of the December 11 teleconference meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report as of the end of February.

Wells Fargo Bank in Albuquerque, NM (Board Operating account):	\$4350.51
First Fidelity Bank in Norman, OK (Conference account)	\$91,137.50

Pre-Conference Report:

393 individuals registered from 44 grantees

The Board made a policy, an individual will not be registered if they are not paid or cannot produce some evidence that the payment will be made.

The balance of the meeting was conference planning with Carol Wedel giving a report on registration, Chris Bentkowski reporting on vendors and showed the Literacy PowerPoint presentation. Kristi Bentkowski discussed the hospitality flyer and how registration would help guide presenters and other guests to the hospitality room. Mary Ellen Hayes discussed the logistics of the recognition buttons and ribbons.

All the work the committees will be doing and logistical layout was reviewed to make sure that everything was in order.

A thorough discussion was held on AI-AN Update and Reauthorization. A motion was made and seconded that SWC contribute \$1,000 to NIHSDA to help pay for the attorney they have hired to assist during reauthorization.

The meeting recessed until Friday at 8:30 a.m.

The breakfast meeting reconvened at 8:15 a.m.

TFA/MCS staff gave a preliminary conference report.

The planning figure for the conference was 400 participants. There were 356 actual paid participants. A very sad thing happened. San Carlos had registered 42 people and pre-conference preparation had included those numbers which affected tote bag, t-shirt, and printing orders. Not one person from San Carlos attended and they did not call to inform anyone that they would not

be coming. This affected the conference in money by \$6,300. The Board asked Kathryn to call San Carlos and tell them how it affected the conference in both numbers and money.

Other conference preliminary numbers were given. A detailed final conference report will be mailed to board members.

Charlie Hare, Region 11 Collaboration Coordinator, invited one board member to attend the leadership conference sponsored by United Way, May 21-23, 2003 to be held in Charlotte, NC. Charlie said his grant would pay for everything. After discussion, Monica agreed to represent the board at this training.

The 2004 Conference was discussed with the following points being made:

- Head Start is in a state of flux
- The National Initiatives are taking a great deal of program money
- Important to not stop having the conference
- Start fund raising now to attend the conference
- Ask for Tribal support
- It is more important now than ever to have the conference
- Move the conference back to New Mexico
- A proposed date for the next meeting was set for July 18 & 19 in Albuquerque, NM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.