

Ventura College CDTC/Child Development Advisory Meeting – Minutes from April 15, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Attendance: Robin Douglas, Loretta Galaviz , Mari Gonzalez, Deanna Hall, Marion Levin, Carola Matera, Jennifer Parker, Laurie Pido

Agenda Item	Discussion/Decisions	Recommendations/Actions
Welcome and Introductions	Members in attendance introduced themselves and shared what agencies they represent.	
Ventura College Child Development Department Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA-T Elementary Teacher Education • Students and graduates • Orfalea Child Development Center & STEM • Career Pathways 	<p>AA-T will be immediately available as soon as it's approved by the State. Approximately 50% of our current Child Development majors intend to become elementary school teachers.</p> <p>We will be conferring 52 Associates degrees, about half the regular AS degree and half the transfer degree. Approximately 40 certificates will also be conferred.</p> <p>Carola informed the group about a new course at CSUCI, Math 207 – for native students (those who start at a CSU as opposed to transferring in). The course focuses on Early Childhood math, will be offered at CSUCI in the fall. They are partnering with the Math dept. at Ventura College on this new course.</p> <p>Discussion on how to improve collaboration between VC and CSUCI on supporting our students who would like to transfer in terms of meeting the math requirements. CI is starting a partnership with First 5 to look at grant funding for this purpose and will keep us in the loop.</p> <p>Discussion of how the Center is partnering with the instructional department faculty and students to implement STEM curriculum with the children and provide training experiences for the practicum students, weekly meetings with the CD faculty and lead preschool teachers</p> <p>VC Innovates grant will be fully launched in fall. We will have a high school partner (not identified at this time). Grant staff at VCOE have created a yearlong honors program in Child Development for high school students. Students who complete it successfully will receive college credit for the course when they transfer to VC. VC Child Development faculty are looking at how to provide work-based learning for participating high school</p>	

	<p>students. Our current vision is hands-on STEM activities which would be provided at an event day, most likely next spring.</p>	
<p>Curriculum changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA-T Child & Adolescent Development • 12 unit Certificate of Achievement 	<p>Distributed draft copies of a proposed 18 unit certificate for students who are not intending to be classroom teachers but might work as support staff in children’s programs (or work in social services agencies).</p> <p>Discussion of the proposed 12-unit certificate. The group approved the certificate and voted to recommend that CD V61 be part of that certificate, feeling it was in students’ best interest to have that knowledge, regardless of where they work with children and/or families. Jennifer informed the group that that change should take effect in fall 2017.</p> <p>Discussed the 12-unit Title 22 requirements, the fact that while it has long been believed that employees must have CD V02 and CD V61 and 6 units of curriculum, they will also accept an Associate level permit.</p>	
<p>Quality programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC) • CA Early Childhood Mentor Program 	<p>Robin recapped the information shared at the fall advisory committee meeting. She described the grant program, requirements for students to participate and the reimbursement process, and handed out copies of the application materials for program directors to take back and share with their employees who might qualify for funding. She recapped the current funding priorities approved by the attendees of the fall advisory committee meeting. (1. applications submitted complete and on time and 2. applications submitted after 550 units had been allocated, awarded in the order received as funding allows). Jennifer asked whether the profiles students create on the CDTC website will roll over when students who have participated in our CDTC grant transfer to CSUCI and move into the Career Incentive grant.</p> <p>Jennifer informed the group that no one on campus seems to be aware of where the grant paperwork is. She assured the group that the grant would go forward but as she is retiring next month, Deanna and Robin will continue to work on this in fall.</p>	<p>Robin will e-mail application information to all program directors to be shared with their staff members.</p> <p>Robin will check with the CDTC office.</p> <p>Deanna and Robin will be in touch with Marion and the local directors when the grant is in place.</p>

<p>Updates from the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's needs • Immunization policies • Child Development Permit • VCOE and local program activities 	<p>Marion stated that she would like to get the Director component started again with or without the Mentor program in place. The group talked about e-mail lists they can provide to invite local area directors to an introductory meeting, survey them as to what resources they would like to have.</p> <p>Group discussed the new law, effective September 1, requiring program employees and volunteers to prove immunity to whooping cough and measles and to have a yearly flu shot. Discussion on agency policies regarding medical requirements for volunteers. The general understanding is that people who are on site less than ten hours per week would not be required to be vaccinated. At VC our main concern is whether practicum students would need to demonstrate proof of immunity to be able to participate in preschool classrooms and if so, we would need to put supports in place, including record keeping. Robin and Deanna will be attending a regional meeting of CCCECE (California Community College Early Childhood Educators) this Friday, where the new law is an agenda item.</p> <p>Carola, who sits on the state level advisory committee, gave the group an update. She reported that some changes to the Child Development Center Permit matrix may eventually come as the results of changes to federal TANF requirements. The Child Development Training Consortium is pushing to use the Early Childhood Teacher Competencies, also looking at national teacher competencies. The committee's belief is that the permit will change but there is no certainty that it will or how. They will meet again in May. The group had questions as to how any changes would impact classes offered at Ventura College.</p> <p>Discussion of some of the workshops offered by VCOE. Several people voiced appreciation of the high quality of the workshops being offered.</p> <p>Suzanne Godinez, Head Start - Discussion of difficulties for some of the funded programs around the state to fully enroll this year because transitional kindergarten has taken some of the oldest children. Suzanne reported that Ventura County Head Start was fully enrolled this year but they had to accept more families who were above the income cut off than they ever have before. (Regulations allow a certain percentage above the income cut off.) Their program year is nearing an end. Shared that there are several different programs within Head Start, each with different end dates. Trying to bring staff back to work earlier in August so they can start</p>	<p>Marion will follow up with Jennifer via e-mail.</p> <p>Robin will follow up with the group if new information is presented at the regional meeting.</p>
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	<p>programs on September 1. Trying to bring the dates of their programs more in line with local school district start and end dates. Head Start will be opening a new toddler center. It should be open 5 days per week, year round by the end of April. They are maintaining their classrooms at Oxnard College. They have one 6-hour program and two 3 ½-hour programs there.</p> <p>Laurie Pido, Missionary Preschool – hosted an event for other directors with Ventura Police Dept. focused on how to do lockdowns. She felt it was very worthwhile. She let the group know that Ventura Police Dept. will come out to individual centers to walk through the buildings and make specific recommendations to help in lockdown situations. Laurie has been doing short trainings with her staff each month to keep them fresh on various aspects of ECERS.</p> <p>Marion Levin, Children’s World – They are working on safety measures as well – their Board is working a document for who is responsible for different tasks during a threat or attack not only to the preschool but also to the temple. Marion expects to be hiring new teachers and/or assistants for next year. Jennifer asked if there was a religious requirement to be employed at Children’s World; there is not. They view themselves as a secular program housed at a religious facility.</p> <p>Carola Matera, CSUCI – third Santa Barbara satellite cohort starting in the fall. The cohort meets two nights per week, they finish four classes each semester, so if they stay with the cohort so that transfer students can finish their BS degree in two years. Carola and Mari work closely with the cohort to provide support. They are opening spring enrollment, not just fall. Students can opt to take fewer classes at one time but not as part of the cohort. The degree is pretty widely applicable Their provost is leaving to take a Chancellor position and their president is leaving as well. They have an interim dean overseeing Early Childhood who has been very supportive of their program.</p> <p>At a previous meeting, Carola had shared the documentation process they use at CSUCI to document behavioral issues, attitude issues, how those are part of their Title IX responsibilities and reporting. Several of the attendees agreed that this is a shared concern.</p>	<p>Carola and Mari will e-mail us the materials. Suzanne asked that someone from VC e-mail it on to her when we receive it.</p> <p>Carola will send Jenifer a copy of the documenting forms they use.</p>
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Next Advisory Meeting	Friday, October 7, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm	Robin and Deanna will send out a reminder several weeks in advance of the meeting.
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