



## Scholars Advisory Board 3/31/06

Purpose: To provide a quality education and develop practicum sites for IVE students for the purpose of recruitment and retention of a well prepared child welfare workforce at both the MSW and BSW level.

Agenda Items	Time	Name	Decisions/Notes
Introductions	10:00	Kt & All	Present: Patty Gregory, Donna Francis, Kris Richards, Kathy Tidwell, Alberta Dooley. Visitors included the University Field Coordinators. Unable to attend today were Kurt Lyles, Bill Clouser, Bri Watkins, Mary Curran, Jason Jacobia & Mardell Nelson.
Minutes Approval Review Agenda	10:05	Kt & All	We didn't do this!
Review Process goals from partnership mtg & charter status	10:10	KT & All	We didn't do this either!
Student Learning Contracts and Exchange of Performance information between DHW and universities	10:25	Patty? & All	EWU has new suggested language to cover the IRB issues related to student permission/knowledge about the exchange of performance e information between DHW and the universities. It is suggested that Field Coordinators get approval for this document as soon as possible in order to have next year's scholars sign. Kathy will forward to everyone
MOU completions (goal for review of Admin Board in May)	10:35	Kt	The Charter needs to be finalized in order to be presented to the Admin Board meeting in May. Kathy will make the final changes suggested by last two meetings and will send out to Advisory Board.
Report on Field Agreements copies from each school with each Region in which they place students	10:45	KT	Each school agreed to check on the status of Field Agreements with their placement agencies and have them turned in to Mardell <b>by June 1.</b>
Linking IVE Coordinators into	10:50	KT & All	This issue was discussed. Alberta agreed to talk with the Field

Field Education at the schools			Director at LC; to check in with IVE Coordinators at the Student Institute. Also, the idea of having a fall meeting in Boise for both Field Directors and IVE Coordinators was discussed.
Student mix survey to program managers re MSW/BSW mix for next year's stipend allocation	11:00	KT & All	Discussed developing a survey for the Regions re the desired mix in each Region to be sent to HR, Program Managers and Chiefs <b>by May 1 (Kathy, Patty, Alberta, &amp; Roxanne)</b> . Survey will also look at ideas re best/creative uses of IVE students, actual hire information re BSW v MSW, and check off list of possible placements. PRIDE indicated wanting foundation MSW students; Casey indicated preference for MSW; CMH indicated preference for MSW for folks on the call.
Increasing Perks for IVE students: Paying for licensure ...	11:10	KT & All	There was much discussion here. It was recommended that we find a way to poll the 15% of IVE students who are not staying to find out their reasons if we want to work on student retention. Another sentiment was that 85% retention is very high and it may be unlikely that we could impact that number. Prior surveys have indicated that two of the most common reasons cited for leaving are caseload size and overtime expectations. Also discussed the idea of paying for licensure exams. Donna indicated that DHW is prevented for paying these fees by statute. Another idea was to increase their grant by \$300.00 to cover the exam fee and make that clear to students as the intent to prevent delays in their licensure.
Scholars report: Who would like a copy?	11:20	Alberta & All	No one indicated a wish to see the report.
Next Meeting & Agenda (In "parking lot" we have review of HR related problem list; having guest on CC re Loan forgiveness—Laura Rowen)	11:25	KT & All	Next meeting will be 4/28 at 10:00. Conference call numbers will follow. Donna announced that she is retiring and will not be on the call next time! Congratulations were given and thanks for her supportive work in the partnership and with scholars. Potential agenda items for the next call include HR related problem list review; Loan forgiveness programs and Laura Rowen, & student evaluation projects.