



Scholars Advisory Board Agenda-5/19/06

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 levels.

Agenda Items	Time	Name	Decisions/Notes
Introductions & Brief Announcements	10:00	All	In Attendance: Bri Watkins, Patty Gregory, Mardell Nelson, Alberta Dooley, Kathy Tidwell Absent: Jason Jacobia, Kurt Lyles, Mary Curran
Minutes Approval and Review Agenda	10:05	All	Approved
Work Plan: *Prioritize Plan *Select Goals *Discuss Work Group Membership	10:10	All	Is this reasonable. Will follow-up at next conference call.
Licensing Exam Process	10:40	Mary Curran	Will check with Mary and hopefully get report next time.
HR Policy Development re involvement with Scholars in coming year	11:00	Bri & All	Discussed the fact that students are now graduating and process to contact Scholar grads to facilitate getting them on registers needs to be developed with HR. Scholars must remain on the register available for work for 60 days after being placed on the register.

Decision Process & Time Lines for Scholars decisions	11:10	Mardell	Discussed the different decision timelines for DHW and for the Universities that impact the Scholars program. Discussed the idea of moving the contract cycle to spring in order to facilitate timely stipend decisions for students ending their semester in May. A number of challenges related to this idea would have to be worked out if we went with this solution particularly related to hiring faculty on contracts. Will revisit this at next call.
Review of vacancy rates to determine approximate need	11:20	Mardell & All	Bri supplied us with some numbers but we were unable to interpret their meaning. She will research further and bring us an update on the next call.
Next Meeting & Agenda	11:25	KT	<p>Alberta reviewed the stipend survey that went to the Regions. At this point 3 of the Regions had responded (since the call three other Regions added their input). Alberta discussed the need to change the survey a bit if we were to sue it again.</p> <p>Next meeting was scheduled for 6/19 3:30-5:00pm. It was suggested that I email all the Board members to double check on their ability to serve on the Board as attendance at calls has been down.</p>