

Idaho Child Welfare Partnership Operations Board 11/08/05, 1-4 PM

DRAFT Minutes

**Attendance: Mike Scholl, Alberta Dooley, Patty Gregory, Kathy Tidwell, Mardell Nelson.
Guest: Lois Malpass**

Minutes and Agenda Review

Partnership Discussion/ Orientation of Kathy

Reviewed the organization charts, charters and answered questions as part of orienting Kathy to the Partnership. Kathy gave input into separating the organizational authority chart from the communication flow depiction, to create more clarity

The group gave further input to chart revision. Mike will incorporate the input and get graphics support to produce a more finished document. The group identified that managing from the middle is the role of the Operations Board.

Meeting dates continue to be a challenge. Given where we are in event planning, developing our MOU and articulating the Partnership, the group is not comfortable with the current January 20-Feb 3. range of dates on the table, The group discussed the event briefly to include the following: reception, lunch, presentation, media and invitations to other Universities and DHW/Casey Program representatives.

Casey Conference Call / Talking Points for Partnership

Mike reported the Casey Media Specialist would not be joining us by phone. He Mike will invite Candace to our next meeting and see if she can personally attend. The plan is to answer the media questions she provided and develop talking points for the Partnership announcement.

Plan for convening the Academy Advisory Board

Meet with Lois to plan the first convening of the Academy Advisory Board. Mardell provided minutes from the last new employee Academy Curriculum Committee before disbanding. The minutes contain a list of items this group identified as best referred to the Advisory group. Rob Gregory is retiring and he is the only Program Manager assigned to this Advisory Board, the plan is to conduct a conference prior to 12/16.

Plan for convening the Scholars Advisory

Discussion with Alberta regarding the first convening of the Scholars Advisory Board. Again, since Rob Gregory is retiring and he is the most supportive Program Manager of the Scholars Program, the plan is to conduct a conference prior to 12/16. The first meeting will need to focus on seeking charter input, membership and identify issues for a work plan.

- Recruitment and retention
- Licensing Board barriers
- Stipend incentives
- Poor supervision/locating appropriate field sites
- Screening and including Program Managers (designees) in decisions about placements
- Creating new learning opportunities for MSW

- Dealing with inappropriate student behaviors/placements –clarifying responsibilities
- Lifting CFS practice/offering MSW graduates work opportunities that match their skills and degree (retention strategies: pay, classification, clinical work, leadership,)
- Supervisor hiring practices—hiring IV-E financed candidates
- Mix of MSW/BSW slots and distribution to schools
- Setting up IV-E specialized units (i.e. FGDM, PRIDE, Evaluation, Licensing, RDU, special projects)
- Cost/Benefit to program---recruitment and retention reporting

Status on Committee Convening – (Dates, Documentation, Charters, Communication)

The Resource Family Advisory Board is meeting regularly and fully operational. They have a proposed final charter and they are maintaining regular communication. They are working with the Program Committee on modifying the licensing assessment.

The Evaluation Advisory is meeting regularly and fully operational. They have a proposed final charter and they are maintaining regular communication. They are working with the Program Managers on a pilot evaluation of Family Group Decision Making.

The Child Welfare Practice Development Advisory Board has not yet convened.

Agenda for the 12/15 Administrative Board

Mike continues to work with the Casey Corporate Attorney on the proposed MOU.
Tabled further discussion until 12/6.

Next Steps

Next Meeting- 12/06/05, 1-4 at BSU [location later changed to Casey]
Media Questions/documents for discussion-Operations Board Members
MOU due 12/01/05 – Mike
Organization Chart due 12/01/05 – Mike
Academy Advisory Board due by 12/16/05 – Lois/Kathy
Scholars Advisory Board due by 12/16/05 – Berta/Kathy
Child Welfare Practice Development Advisory due 11/23/05 – Robin
Minutes-Mardell
Administrative Board Meeting 12/15/05 - Mardell