



**Scholars Board  
2/13/08**

Agenda Items	Time	Name	Decisions/Notes
<p>Introductions &amp; Brief Announcements</p>			<p>Present: Raymond Mullenax, Kathy Tidwell, Patty Gregory, Mardell Nelson, Lawanna Lancaster, Mark Schultz, Carla Dvoracek, Bri Watkins, Mary Jo Murdie</p> <p>Absent: Kris Richards, Jeremy Player, Eleanor Downey, Melissa Bean, Mary Curran</p>
<p>Minutes Approval and Review Agenda</p>			<p>*Minutes approved from the 1-29-08 meeting.</p>
<p>NEWS: Idaho Statesman article on Child Welfare work shortage</p>			<p>*Briefly discussed the article done by the Statesman regarding the child welfare work load and the role of this Board in helping to move the issue forward, along with Kathy and the ideas that came out of the Partnership Meeting in November. This article is now on the American Humane Society's website.</p>
<p><u>Work Updates:</u> *HR</p>			

<p>*Review exit Interview Form used by HR</p>	<p>Bri/Ray</p>		<p>*Discussed the exit interview form and the Board agreed to table the discussion for a later date. The Board needs more data on how the current exit interviews are going. Bri was able to report on five exit interviews and she will send to the group to review.</p>
<p><u>Policy &amp; Procedure Issues</u></p> <p>*Staff student case for decision re: collection</p>	<p>Mardell</p>		<p>*LCSC student was given a deferral a couple years ago and appears to be working with the tribe as their social worker for child protection. She was put into default of her work obligation, because she did not get on the IDHW employment register upon completion of her deferral. She has paid back approximately \$1,000 of her \$3,000 stipend. Recently she informed billing she was attending school and stopped making payment. She is currently in the MSW program at BSU. She does work with some of the youth in child protection due to her involvement in jointly shared cases with Region II and the tribe. Mardell has raised the question about whether or not to continue with collection or if there are other options for this student. She had recently requested the student get on the IDHW employment register and it appears that the student complied, but</p>

			<p>was not hired. Although, she did not sign up for all locations in the regions she selected for employment. The Board agreed that the work obligation needs to be done at IDHW and cannot be done with the tribe due to federal guidelines around the IV-E program and the tribe not participating in the IV-E program.</p> <p>The plan is for Kathy to contact the student and find out about the current education status of the student and her interest in working at IDHW. Kathy will report back to the Board to make a decision on how to proceed with this student.</p> <p>*This situation does raise an important policy question on how the IV-E Scholars Program can support the Native Tribes in Idaho. The Scholars Board is very interested in the work the Tribes are doing and further developing relationships to support their efforts in child welfare. This is a topic that will need to be discussed at a later meeting.</p>
<p><u>New Ideas/Work</u></p> <p>*Discuss Logic Model Development and next steps</p> <p>*Review Affiliation Agreement Protocol for field coordinators and</p>		<p>Ray/All</p>	<p>*The Board will meet face to face May 28<sup>th</sup> in Boise 9AM to 4PM to continue work on the Logic Model.</p> <p>*Protocol for the Affiliation Agreement is approved by the Board so Scholars Coordinators can move forward with their meetings with Program Managers.</p>

<p>program managers</p> <p>*Discuss Focus Groups and review Focus Group Questions (Bri compiling list) and schedule times for Board Members to work with Field Coordinators on facilitating Focus Groups at Student Institute</p> <p>*Consider Student Institute and activities that could fit under the third area of focus: Mitigating Disparate outcomes for youth of color to develop some activities that could align with Student Institute.</p> <p>*Schedule time to meet with Field Coordinators the day before Student Institute.</p>			<p>*The Board agreed the list created at the 1-29-08 meeting for the Focus Group meetings is too large and will need to be scaled back. This Board will scale back the list so facilitators will have time to facilitate the meetings. Please select three or four of your favorite questions and submit to Bri and she will compile a list of the top for the Focus Groups.</p> <p>*Kathy suggested a possible survey be done at some time to solicit input from students on their experiences. This is a good idea, but will require more time than the group has prior to Student Institute. This will require a work group to complete this effort?</p> <p><b><i>*Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM (MST) to 11:00 AM (MST) at the BSU Child Welfare Center. Purpose: to meet with Field Coordinators and prep for the focus groups at Student Institute.</i></b></p>
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<p><u>Other :</u> *Affiliation Agreement</p>	<p>Mardell</p>		<p>* The final draft of the Affiliation Agreement has been completed. Each University can make minor adjustments to meet the needs of their respective universities and regions. If any significant changes need to occur they will need to be processed through the Scholars Board. The field coordinators will organize meetings with Program Managers for April and May to discuss the new Affiliation Agreement.</p>
<p>*March 1<sup>st</sup> Next IV-E cycle</p>	<p>Mardell</p>		<p>*Some follow up is needed to check on whether or not Melissa Bean was able to present the Affiliation Agreement to the Behavioral Health Program Manager.</p> <p>*Wes Engels will be releasing the new list of IV-E eligible client to all regions beginning in March.</p>
<p>*TANF funding</p>	<p>Mardell</p>		<p>*The Scholars Program was wise in increasing the amount of IV-E funding to 75% this year as the legislators cut approximately \$200,000 of TANF funding, which would have impacted the funding if changes had not already been established.</p>
<p>*CMH</p>	<p>Mardell</p>		<p>*Melissa Bean has put in her notice and will no longer be working in CMH. This raised the question on who to select as a CMH liaison for the Scholars Board. Ray suggested Louella Schaeffer as she is currently</p>

			<p>supervising stipend students. Bri is meeting with the Region 1 program manager, Jack Cotton, and will talk with him about the Board's suggestion. She will report back to the Board what she learns.</p>
<p><i>Next meeting &amp; Agenda</i></p>		<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><b><i>*Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM (MST) to 11:00 AM (MST) at the BSU Child Welfare Center. Purpose: to meet with Field Coordinators and prep for the focus groups at Student Institute.</i></b></p>