



**Scholars Board**  
2/19/09

**Goal:** The Scholars Program through social work education recruits and retains a highly diverse, child welfare staff to serve youth and families within the State of Idaho.

Agenda Items	Action Takers	Barriers/Notes	Decision
<b>Introductions &amp; Brief Announcements</b>		<p>Present: Randy Rodriguez, Kathy Tidwell, Raymond Mullenax, Robert Hernandez, Bri Watkins, Mary Jo Murdie, Marian Woods, Ken Perry, Lawanna Lancaster</p> <p>Absent: Roxanne Printz, Patty Gregory, Christelle Edmo, Mary Curran, Christina Warfield, Eleanor Downey</p>	
<b>Minutes Approval and Review Agenda</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from January 6, 2009 approved</li> </ul>	



<p><b>2. Engaging Program Managers: Who do we invite next?</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Patty Gregory. More definition around clinical practice in child welfare needs to be developed (e.g. supervision, FGDM, assessment, strength based)</p>	
<p><b>3. Engaging Admin Board and University Department Chairs</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next program manager to invite to Board Meeting, Ken Kraft from Region 1. Also, a suggestion was made to include Rob Braniff as he is the Chief in Region 1 and has been actively involved in the Scholars Program and with student learning.</li> <li>• Marian and Mary Jo will serve as liaisons to Program Managers with updates on Scholars Program and will update Scholars Board about issues related to Scholars Program affecting Program Managers.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Update on field instructor project</b></p>	<p>Patty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Jo asked about number of stipends for last year and what to expect. Marian reported that there is nothing to indicate any changes in number of stipends to be allocated to each university.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kathy, Marian and Roxanne can serve as liaisons to admin board.</li> <li>• No update available.</li> <li>• Discussed briefly the meetings BSU is having with Region 4 Program Manager, field instructors and students to further develop advanced child welfare learning for the employee cohort. Meetings are ongoing, but some good ideas are starting to coalesce together and this group will next meet on February 23.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Partnership Area of Focus #2: Improve Recruitment of Work Force and Resource Families</u></b></p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Student Institute</b></li> </ol>	Ray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on numbers attending Student Institute along with date, March 10 from 8 AM to 5PM.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>2. PGHL Award</b></p>	<p>Ray</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Votes for the PGHL award have been counted and the BSW winners are: BSU's Dusti Burr and Kristen Bertrand for BSW. And, BSU's Danette Thompson for MSW.</li> <li>• Raised question for group to consider for next month's meeting: Should this award be continued? Outside of BSU there has been only two other students nominated by partner universities in the past three years.</li> <li>• Also, discussed the merits of Scholars Board being the group that votes on candidates (similar to what happens with other awards/scholarships) and thus, this group is able to be a little more objective; versus, another option of having field instructors and field coordinators do the voting, which could be more subjective.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3. Focus Group data</b></p> <p><u>Partnership Area of Focus #3: Mitigate Disparate Outcomes for Children/Youth of Color</u></p>	<p>Patty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update available.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>1. Visit with ICWAC committee</b></p>	<p>Ray /Robert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ray and Robert updated on their visit with the ICWAC committee members and that the committee is open to more dialogue across all levels of the Partnership. This was an educational experience for Ray and Robert and both learned a lot from the experience.</li> <li>• Kathy's grant that she wrote could help advance the work with Native Tribes and help move this work forward. Kathy is still waiting to hear back on the grant, which would add 10 more stipend students for Idaho and/or the Native Tribes.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>New Ideas/Work</u></b></p> <p><b>*Staff Student/FOCUS background check</b></p>	<p>Ray</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed briefly the need for FOCUS/Registry checks to be completed on student contracts prior to Michelle Britton signing. Marian will hold all contracts until she is able to complete the FOCUS/ Central Abuse Registry check and then she will send on to Michelle for signature.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>*Board Election</b></p> <p><b>*HR: Volunteer Application</b></p> <p><b>*Central Database for Scholars Program</b></p> <p><b>*Next Face to Face Meeting and location</b></p>	<p>Bri</p> <p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Elections are coming around and so consider folks to nominate at next month's meeting. Call Ray if you have any questions on what the workload looks like.</li> <li>• Bri updated that the volunteer application is not completed. She will check with Monica who needs to finalize the process and will submit to the Board when completed.</li> <li>• Bri will be at Student Institute along with Jennifer and Paul.</li> <li>• Current funding is on hold. Ray/Robert should talk with data workgroup to discuss best ways to collect current data.</li> <li>• <b>No travel due to budget hold backs.</b></li> </ul>	
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<u><i>Next meeting &amp; Agenda</i></u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needs to be scheduled.</li></ul>	