

**PIECES Professional Development Committee
Marshall University Graduate College
May 10, 2004**

Present: Norma Miller, Cathy Jones, Karen Duckworth, Crissy Miller, Suzi Brodof, Sandy Poore, April Puzzuoli, Alicia Tyler, Joan Skaggs, Kelley Worley, Melanie Clark, Ann Nutt

KEY POINTS DISCUSSED	KEY DECISIONS MADE
<p>Early Childhood Articulating Career Ladder - Norma Miller from the WV Dept of Education has created a career matrix for education. There are a variety of groups and pieces to education. She would like to work on putting the pieces together to form a seamless system for education from early childhood to secondary to professional educators (certification). Norma has meet with Kathy D'Antoni and they are working on hiring a consultant to meet with the group to find what is out there and where the gaps are. The consultant will then pull a model together to then bring back to the groups.</p>	<p>The committee agreed to help support Norma and the consultant that is hired for this project.</p>
<p>Articulation Workgroup - Alicia, April and Judy Curry had meet with the RBA Coordinators. The coordinators informed them that there is a standardized agreement that students that have completed the Apprenticeship program and the Associate degree will receive 60 hours of credit towards an RBA. They only need to submit a portfolio if they want to receive additional credit. The RBA degree currently does not meet the expectations of the teacher education programs.</p> <p>The RBA coordinator's also informed Alicia, April and Judy that colleges will give credit to community training that has a standardized content.</p>	<p>Cathy Jones will meet with Dr. Karen Huffman at WVDE about alternative certification for teachers with RBA degrees.</p> <p>Alicia will meet with Mark Stotler at HEPC about putting in writing the track to follow for the RBA.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the articulation workgroup would not pursue the portfolio focus and would table the credit fair.</p> <p>Contact Sarah Lemoine to come in August to help the committee work on a state model for articulation.</p>

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<p>Core Competencies - Ann Nutt presented the draft of the new core competencies for the committee's review. Ann asked that the committee review to make sure all NAEYC Standards are addressed.</p>	<p>The committee decided that the core knowledge should be about 2 paragraphs, similar to the introductions on the WV ELSF's. Cathy agreed to help Ann in writing some of the core knowledge pieces.</p> <p>The committee ask that when the core competencies are closer to being done that Ann send them out for review again.</p>
<p>WV STARS - Sandy reported that many providers have been asking what are the benefits of being registered on STARS. Sandy handed out a flyer she has made that gives some of the benefits of being registered on STARS.</p> <p>Trainers - Problems have come up when trying to approve trainers for STARS. Discussion ensued around the problem with stopping the approval process for the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCR&R's must have approved trainers • The pre-k is using the STARS system <p>Pathway - Problems with the pathway language as it currently reads. Levels VI, VII, and VIII should contain the language "Regionally Accredited Institute of Higher Education."</p> <p>Renewal - What is accepted for renewal? On-line?</p> <p>The STARS Advisory Group will meet June 8th and July 6th from 10am - 3pm at the Training Connections office.</p> <p>Sandy handed out suggested text for a new STARS brochure.</p> <p>The Certificate signatures have been changed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway - Governor's signature • Trainer - Sandy's signature 	<p>The committee approved the flyer and will send any additional suggestions to Sandy.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the trainer requirements need to be strengthened. The review team would stop all trainer approvals for the summer to work on the trainer approval process. The decision was made to have an approved trainer sponsor the training for the summer.</p> <p>The articulation workgroup will work on the pathway language through the summer.</p> <p>The committee agreed to give a one year extension to any renewals that may be questionable at this point.</p> <p>The Advisory group will bring recommendations to the committee in August.</p> <p>The committee is to review the text and send any recommendations to Sandy.</p>

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Only a few people have enough STARS training to be issued a WVTCECE.	The certificate will only be issued if requested.