

# DVR Meeting

## October 3, 2017

### Child Care Advisory Council Meeting

Members Present: Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Dana Thomas (Leyden), Valarie Berger (Leyden), Connie Jesukatis(Proviso West), Patty Heidel (Proviso East), Cindy Mentone (Triton), Jackie Morris (Oak Park River Forest), MaryAnn Olson (Triton), Kristina Belepedito (Oak Park River Forest), Natalie Hornik (Oak Park River Forest), Maureen Gollmer Smith (Illinois State University), Brandon Hilton (Childcare Careers), and Jim Rohde (Depaul University)

#### 1. Illinois State University

- a. Maureen Gollmer Smith shared highlights of the ISU education program.
  - i. 25% of Illinois first year teachers are ISU alumni
  - ii. One of the top 10 largest programs in the country
  - iii. Offers K-12 and secondary programs in a wide variety of subjects, including FACS
  - iv. Offer a wide variety of scholarships, especially in special education

#### 2. Childcare Careers

- a. Brandon Hilton discussed the Childcare Careers staffing agency.
  - i. Nationwide agency
  - ii. Huge demand for Type 04's
  - iii. Company started in 1996
  - iv. Large need for teachers' assistants and directors
    - 1. Must be 18 years of age
    - 2. High school diploma or equivalent
  - v. Tuition assistance with Kendall and National Louis University
  - vi. They are filling substitute positions which can lead to permanent employment
- b. Excellent opportunity for those pursuing an ECE degree/certificate.

#### 3. DePaul University

- a. Jim Rohde discussed the programs at DePaul University.
- b. DePaul's education program is located at the Lincoln Park campus.
- c. DePaul offers special education endorsements with only 4 additional classes.
- d. There is a large shortage of teachers, and schools are filling vacancies with non-certified instructors.
- e. DePaul's transfer requirements:
  - i. GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - ii. 22 ACT to exempt from TAP
    - 1. Must include 19 composite for English/writing
  - iii. Triton's program is highly transferrable
- f. Tuition is \$38,000/year with up to \$13,000 in scholarships.

#### 4. Gateways Update

- a. [The Gateways brochure is linked here.](#)
- b. The high school dual credit program can provide students a head start on completion.

#### 5. Dual Credit

- a. Mary Ann discussed the progress made on the dual credit programs.
- b. Leyden has 5 Triton courses as dual credit, by restructuring their current outlines to correspond with Triton outlines. These courses include
  - i. EDU 105 – Technology
  - ii. EDU 110 – Diversity
  - iii. ECE 151 – Communicating with Parents
  - iv. ECE 152 – Principles of Child Growth and Development
  - v. ECE 153 – Guiding Children and Managing a Classroom
- c. Mary Ann will individually work with schools to facilitate this process.

#### 6. Triton Facilities

- a. The pre-school facilities have been updated and remodeled at Triton.
- b. There are 2 toddler rooms, pre-school, and full day kindergarten

- c. The facilities are secured, and will be equipped with observation windows.

**7. Fieldtrips**

- a. High School teachers are encouraged to bring students to observe the program.
- b. Students may tour the entire college.
- c. Mary Ann will meet with group to discuss opportunities in educations and tour the program classrooms.