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Illinois Professional Development System

Family Specialist Credential Committee Telenet

September 19, 2017

9:00 – 10:30 am

Attendees:

Diane Scruggs*

Granada Williams

Jamilah R. Jor'dan*

*denotes co-chair

Joni Scritchlow

Molly Nord

Penny Smith

Stephanie Hellmer

Tami O'Daniel

Welcome – *Jamilah R. Jor'dan & Diane Scruggs, co-chairs*

Credential Fees

- One outstanding item from the June 20, 2017 meeting includes a question regarding who determines Gateways Credential fees.
 - As of July 1, 2017, Credential fees increased to \$65. This is an affordable increase.
 - This fee is less than most professional license fees.
 - The Illinois Department of Human Service (IDHS) determines Credential fees.

June 20, 2017 Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Granada Williams.
- Motion seconded by Diane Scruggs.
- Motion passed and minutes approved.

Overview of Family Specialist Credentials Awarded (Attachment A)

- With the Committee's guidance through course articulations and reviewing hundreds of FSC applicant files, INCCRRA staff was able to begin awarding Family Specialist Credentials internally.
 - Inclusive of pilot applicants, 310 Family Specialist Credential Levels 2-5 have been awarded to 307 applicants. Some applicants have level advanced.
 - In 2017, 131 Family Specialist Credentials have been awarded. With an aspirational goal of awarding 125 Credentials in 2017, we have already surpassed our goal.
 - Since the last FSC Committee meeting on June 20, 2017, 68 Family Specialist Credentials have been awarded.
 - This is approximately 22% of the total FSC Level 5 awarded have been within the last 90 days.
 - A total of 188 Family Specialist Credential Level 2–5 applications have been received in 2017.
- Any applicant file anomalies will continue to be brought to the Committee for review.
 - The FSC Committee will continue to meet quarterly through FY18 – June 30, 2018.
- Applicant N88822 (Attachment B)
 - International Child/Parent Development Program (ICDP-USA) Workshop:
 - This training, excluding breaks is 16 clock hours.
 - The committee agreed to ½ point in Human Growth & Development and ½ point Interactions, Relationships, & Environments.
 - Work Experience:

- Applicant N88822 submitted a recommendation letter from her employer along with a resume.
- It seems as though a small portion of this work experience may have some minimal family-related work experience. The Committee suggested contacting the applicant for more information.
 - INCCRRA staff has been working with this applicant to submit a job description that specifically outlines a strengths-based approach to working with families.
 - This letter in Attachment B is the third attempt to document family-related work experience.
- While the Committee notes N88822 has a lot of work experience, it does not appear to reflect a relationship or strengths-based model. With such a small portion of this position may work with families, it is not in the field that Family Specialists focus on.
- Motion to deny work experience by Diane Scruggs.
- Motion seconded by Penny Smith.
- Motion approved.

Outreach/Higher Education

- Progress of Pilot schools to competencies
 - In late spring 2017, a consultant was hired to analyze FSC pilot institutions for competencies. INCCRRA staff contacted all higher education faculty for each pilot school as they were given the following options:
 1. Use the consultant’s initial review to align their programs to competencies and submit a full entitled application to the Entitled Review Group (ERG). Once approved by ERG, their entitled status extends another five years.
 2. Continue as-is through 2019 which is the expiration date for pilot institutions. If institutions want to remain entitled, competency alignment must be completed by fall 2019.
 - Approximately half of pilot institutions plan to resubmit a new entitled competency application.
- The FY18 goal is to entitle three new FSC schools.
- Since April 2017, the following Higher Education Institutions have been contacted:

4-year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicago State University • University of Illinois • Northern Illinois University – visit with faculty 5.11.17 • Illinois State University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family & Consumer Sciences: Level 4 possibly, check back in 2018. School Social Worker Endorsement (ISBE) • Olivet-Nazarene University • Loyola University • Quincy University • Roosevelt University– visit with faculty 5.11.17 (SAYD but discussed FSC as well) • Aurora University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Social Worker Endorsement (ISBE) • Dominican University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Social Worker Endorsement (ISBE)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors State University School Social Worker Endorsement (ISBE)
2-year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennedy-King College – visit with faculty 5.11.17 • Illinois Eastern Community College • Parkland College • St. Augustine College • Wabash Valley Community College • South Suburban College – visit with faculty 9.18.17 • Heartland Community College • Joliet Junior College – visit with faculty 10.5.17

- Committee input
 - Governor’s State University – contact Dr. Harrington and specify Jamilah R. Jor’dan’s recommendation.
 - Olive-Harvey College – contact Bonita Hunter.
 - Harold Washington College – contact Debbie Rogers-Jaye.

Announcements

- Molly Nord has joined INCCRRA staff and will be working on Family Specialist Credential and School-Age & Youth Development Credentials.
- QC Committee Recommendation for Professional Contributions—this recommendation to remove professional contributions from renewal was passed by PDAC on September 15, 2017 and will now be submitted to IDHS for approval.
- Penny Smith—a Birth to 3 Forum will be held December 6 – 7, 2017 at the Abraham Lincoln Double Tree in Springfield Illinois. It will be facilitated by The Ounce of Prevention Fund. Penny will email INCCRRA staff once more information and registration is available. Penny also mentioned Gateways having a booth to promote the Infant Toddler Credential, Illinois Director Credential, and the Family Specialist Credential.
- Granada Williams—the ELC Family & Community Engagement Committee with ELC Access Committee will be developing a new state-wide sub-committee to inform policy and policymakers on family engagement. This group will also include family members. Chair persons are being identified now. This group will convene before the end of 2017 and plans to create a statewide vision for family engagement.

FY18 Meeting Dates

- 1st Quarter Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- 2nd Quarter Tuesday, December 19th, 2017 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- 3rd Quarter Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- 4th Quarter Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Adjourned at 10:11 am.

Attachments available upon request.

