

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Friday, October 25, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Becky Storer

ATTENDEES: Cathy Crowe, Fayette County, Early Head Start

ΤΟΡΙϹ	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to Order	B. Storer called the meeting to order.	
2. Agenda	Approval of the Agenda	Motion by: Cathy 2 nd : N/A All In Favor/Opposed
3. Minutes	Approval of the 2018 Minutes	Motion by: Cathy 2 nd : N/A All In Favor/Opposed
4. Reports from Committee Members	Becky gave an update on enrollment and the need to work toward increasing the number of students enrolled in the education courses at SSCC. The current evening co-hort of education students (through the Fayette County EHS) is going well; discussion followed. Cathy shared that this group has shared many positive comments about their SSCC experiences! Becky offered to meet with any agency that had employees in need of trainings.	

5. Review of the Program Curriculum	Cathy believed that our ECED program meets the needs of the EHS staff. She recently had the opportunity to observe a recent SSCC grad in action teaching a toddler class and was very impressed!
6. Update of the Current/Future Industry Trends & Employment Outlook	Becky reviewed the upcoming change at the state level regarding teacher licensure. What is currently pre-k – grade three early childhood teaching license will no longer be in existence. It will be replaced by pre-k – grade five early elementary teaching license. Cathy shared that there is a shortage of teachers wanting to work in the EHS program; her staff is required to have additional hours/training in infant/toddler care and development and many early childhood teachers prefer working with the preschool age. Becky concurred with Cathy that there will be a shortage of teachers in the near future so the employment outlook is excellent.
7. Employer Recommendations for Improvement (list at least 5 from er's)	 Would SSCC consider reviewing their ECED courses to see if they are a match for the CDA? This would be beneficial to area early childhood education programs who are required to hire staff with this credential. Cathy shared that her staff is overwhelmed with the online work for CDA and again, wondered if these individuals could take classes at SSCC; classes that were not totally online. Cathy asked if Becky would come to their regional EHS meeting on March 20th and share information about SSCC. Becky agreed. Cathy also requested that Becky provide professional development (topic: music for infants and toddlers) for the teachers on March 20th. Becky agreed.

8. Plan of Action (for those listed in #7)	 Cathy agreed to look at the general course descriptions on the SSCC website to see if there are any that may match the requirements of the CDA. 	
	 Becky recommended four courses for Cathy to review: EDUC 1140, 1145, 1118, and 2228. 	
	3. Becky offered to follow-up with an official agreement if these four courses met the education requirements of the CDA.	
	4. Becky offered to meet with any potential students from the Fayette County Early Head Start organization.	
9. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.	Motion by: Cathy 2 nd by: N/A
		There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.