



# CARE/CalWORKs Fall 2014 Advisory Board Meeting

## November 17, 2014

### Founders Hall

### 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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#### I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Stephen introduced Dr. Scroggins who walked in and welcomed the board members to Advisory Meeting. Thanked for all hard work. Stephen welcomed the board members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

#### II. **Approval of Spring 2014 Advisory Meeting Minutes**

Irene moved to approve minutes and AnnMarie seconded. Stephen recognized and asked it be recorded in minutes.

#### III. **CARE Updates**

- **STEP Conference (Winter 2015)**-Irene and Stephen discussed Audrey's directive to create three day conference focusing on work related issues for our students to learn soft skills regarding finding employment and interviewing skills. Irene encouraged any members to participate in planning. Group discussed possible workshops to be offered to include: time management, Parenting Styles, Financial Literacy, Dress for Success and work etiquette.
- **SPA**-Group discussed registration being closed early as an issue in filling classes as most students enroll during the first week of the term. Group suggested speaking to Dean and asking for SPA class to be exempt from closing early. Discussion continued regarding opening registration to all single parents on campus to spur enrollment. Angelena offered to promote SPA to community education students who often times are no longer eligible for CW/CARE but would benefit from learning community.
- **Collaborative Workshops**-AnnMarie reported the new effort between CARE and CalWORKs to offer workshops for both groups of students. We have presented a total of five workshops that have an average attendance of 25 students each. Workshops that were presented included: Stress Management, Transfer Readiness, How to Apply to EOPS at CSUs, Healthy Eating and Financial Aid 101. Presenters were Mt. SAC faculty and staff to reinforce on campus resources to students.
- **CARE Recruitment**-Irene discussed CARE's continued low enrollment numbers. Requested assistance from the members in suggestions on how to increase numbers. Group suggested making presentations to Child Development classes and sitting at the Child

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Development Center (CDC) to recruit to students. Angelena also suggested recruiting for CARE students at the Rowland Family Resource Center. Angelena offered to email Irene the contact information.

**IV. CalWORKs Updates**

- **SSSP**- Stephen informed members that were going to inform off campus members about SSSP but since they were not able to attend would skip as all on campus members are well aware of new policy.
- **Work Study**-Stephen reported on new CalWORKs work study venture with LA County in which we would partner with South Bay WIB to place students in jobs on and off campus. This venture would have potential to increase numbers of CalWORKs program.
- **Foster Youth**-Irene asked for point to be removed as it is discussed during EOPS Advisory Meeting.
- **Self-Referred students & CCC Apply**-Stephen reported new Chancellor's Office directive to allow CalWORKs offices at Community Colleges to serve students who are not participating with WtW. He went on to share that in addition IT assisted CW by setting up an automatic email to new students informing them of our office and services. We also get a list in order to recruit to them. He projects that both ventures have a potential of \$2 million dollars in program funds.
- **CalWORKs Open House**-Stephen reported CW intention to hold an annual mini-conference for CalWORKs students every Spring called CalWORKs Open House. Planning on holding separate workshops on different topics that are relevant to CalWORKs students to include Harriet Buhai, WCLP, Time Management, Dress for Success, Work Study and a Mental Health component. Members were encouraged to send ideas to Stephen and attend if available.

**V. Advisory Board Members Updates**

- Amy Kramer encouraged us to refer students who are majoring in Child Development to her program in order for them to receive more support.
- Dean Keys encouraged us to remind students to vote for the bus pass fee this week. She informed the members that the additional fee of \$7 to \$9 would allow students to continue to receive a bus pass during the Fall and Spring terms.

**VI. Reminders**

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- AnnMarie reminded the members about the **CARE Adopt-A-Family Program** and **End of the Year Ceremony** being held December 4, 2014 at Founders Hall.
- Gabby reminded the members about the **CalWORKs Fall 2014 Recognition Ceremony** being held on December 5, 2014 in 9C to honor graduating/transferring students and those who obtained Dean and Presidents list.

**VII. Set Date for Spring 2015 Advisory Meeting and Adjournment**

Group discussed continuing to meet on a Monday and settled for Monday, April 20, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Irene and Stephen thanked the members for attending and wished them all a good day.

