

**El Camino College Childhood Education Department**  
**Virtual CDTC Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Spring 2020**

**Revised** Information – June 12, 2020

Note: Due to the Pandemic, this year's CDTC (Child Development Advisory Committee) Advisory meeting will be a "Meeting by Memo" version. It was mailed to the board on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with the revised minutes sent Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Revisions were only made on the first page.

**Agenda Item 1: Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC) - Michelle Moen**

- a. El Camino College was awarded a contract for 900 units (\$23,440) for this school year. That original contract recently received an addendum for 157 additional units (\$4,082) for a **total of \$27,482**. Of that money, approximately \$2,000 was budgeted towards student materials and supplies for classes. The remaining \$25,482 is distributed to students who applied to the stipend program and passed their classes. We awarded 424 units to 57 students in Fall 2019. Forty additional units were not passed, so that balance will be used towards spring stipends.
- b. In addition to our original 900 contracted units, our campus was given 157 additional units this year (as stated in part "a" above) for a total of 1057 units. Typically our students receive \$25 per unit. This school year students were budgeted to receive \$26/unit. Students receive stipends for classes passed. Since not all units are passed, those monies are then divided up and distributed to the remaining spring students who did pass their classes. This fall there were 40 units not passed (\$1,040), which is about typical during the past few years (40-55 units is usual for classes not passed during one semester time period). We had 25 winter units, which will be combined with 571 spring units due to the coordinator not having enough time to finish processing the winter units before the pandemic hit.

Changes and updates: The CDTC is moving to a Student Focused Model of support. The CDTC will no longer issue Coordinator Agreements in 2020/21, due to a budget reduction. Funds to support Coordinator stipends are eliminated as of the end of the 2019-2020 program year (June 20, 2020). This means our college will no longer have a coordinator for this program. Due to this issue, **our college will not be issued an Instructional Contract for the next school year (2020-2021)**. CDTC staff will accept online student profile applications for campuses that choose NOT to contract directly with CDTC. Students may need to have 6 units to apply (the units may be cumulative over two semesters) for the program next year, however, 2020-2021 student eligibility policy revisions are currently under discussion with the CDTC advisory committee.

- c. This year Cynthia Cervantes served as our CDTC co-coordinator as Michelle Moen was on sabbatical this past fall. Michelle has served as our sole campus coordinator since 2015-2016. The year prior, Susan Baxter and Michelle were co-coordinators (2014-

2015). Susan was the coordinator for several years prior. Before her, Antoinette Phillips was the coordinator.

- d. Please refer to the CDTC's website for future updates and information.  
([www.childdevelopment.org](http://www.childdevelopment.org))

### **Agenda Item 2: Mentor Teacher Program** – Dr. Jennifer Montgomery

The CA Teacher Program funding will end after June 2021. This Block Grant State Funding is being eliminated. This program pays for about 30 mentors per year at our college.

### **Agenda Item 3: Professional Growth Advisors**

Faculty and the Permit Specialist continue to serve as Professional Growth Advisors for students so they may renew their permits.

### **Agenda Item 4: El Camino Childhood Education Department Updates**

Note: A significant part of our program/department runs on external funding which is usually short term and has to be secured every 1-3 years. This year we have lost a lot of this external funding. We are hoping the college will consider hiring a part time Program Assistant to mitigate some of these losses. Below are the programs that help our department run.

- a. Practicum Placements – Dr. Janet Young

This semester our department offered 2 sections of the Practicum class due to a high demand since it is required for the AS-T degree. Offering 2 sections will help students move through our program in a timely matter as well as provide them with valuable field experience working with young children. However, we now need twice the amount of mentors to fulfill as we serve 2 sections. Janet Young and Janice Jefferis teach the Practicum classes.

- b. Career and Technical Education Act (CTEA) Grant updates – Dr. Janet Young

Our department has been told that we can no longer apply for these funds. *“As it relates specifically to Early Childhood Education, the program is not connected to jobs that produce a median salary expected to meet living wage. The Chancellor’s office defines living wage in our area (Los Angeles County) as \$31,767. Based on data from ESMI and CA EDD (which is reflected in the dashboard), Early Childhood Education is connected with occupations with a median salary of \$22,523 (well below living wage.)”*

There will be no funds available after June 2020. This program has paid for about 50 mentors per year for our department.

- c. LACOE (Los Angeles County Office of Education)

We are in negotiations for another year. The funding is not guaranteed. If we lose this our Permit Specialist and Super Tutor and TRR will cease to operate. This grant funds

classes for Head Start preschool/infant/toddler teachers, ECC Permit Specialist, and ECC Super Tutors.

**d. Program Review** – Dr. Janet Young

Our department’s Program Review was submitted in December 2019 and will be posted on the Program Review website.

**e. Teacher Resource Room (TRR)**

The TRR has been closed due to the Pandemic. However, our support staff (Wendy Mata and Jessica Quackenbush) continue their roles as Super Tutors for our students on-line. They have been added to most all CDEV classes (as a tutor) to promote their availability.

**f. Permit Specialists** – Nancy Alvarez

This is Nancy’s second year as a Child Development Permit Specialist at ECC. This service continues during the pandemic. Nancy continues to meet students virtually and over the phone as well as leads virtual workshops for our CDEV students about the permit process. The CDTC supplies funding for processing permit applications to students seeking, upgrading, or renewing various permits granted by the State Department of Education.

**g. Workshops & Conferences**

The Child Development Club has sponsored workshops as listed below in part “i.”

Per Advisory board request, the CDEV department had scheduled a “Special Needs” workshop (focusing on Elementary level) led by Doris Monterroso. It was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the Pandemic. It will be rescheduled when we return to campus again.

**h. Children’s Day** – The event was cancelled due to the Pandemic.

**i. Child Development Club** – Cynthia Cervantes

The Club continues to meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Prior to the Pandemic issue, they had hosted a successful workshop on Child Burns, Prevention and First Aid. The workshop was presented by Debbie Karaman, MPH - a representative from the Burn Foundation and the Grossman Burn Center. The Club continues to offer virtual workshops for our CDEV students during the Thursday Club meetings, including workshops on the Child Development Permit and Professional Talks. They are also hosting "Pandemic Parenting," which is a 6-week series of discussions and support, focused on providing a safe, non-judgmental space filled with encouragement and resources for parents and caregivers. The goal is to provide a support system/community for parents and caregivers during the pandemic. The Club has also continued to virtually host the “You and Me” Play Groups for children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30am-11:15am. In addition, the Club will host its first school age group, “School Age Warrior Playtime” for children ages 5-10 and their parents/caregivers on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am –

11:30am. The club has also completed work on their official website:  
<https://cdevclub.wixsite.com/mysite>

### **Agenda Item 5: TEACH El Camino Program Updates**

**a. Education Futures Teacher Preparation Program (TPP) and Strong Workforce Program (SWP-TPP) grants - Yadira Arellano and Bobby Becka**

- 1) The Ed Futures grant funded by the CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office closed out on December 31, 2019.
- 2) The SWP-TPP grant program is still active and will close out on 31 December 2020.

**b. TEACH El Camino Program workshops – Yadira Arellano and Janice Jefferis**

The TEACH El Camino Program has continued to offer workshops via Zoom this semester, including those promoted via the statewide CCC-TPP website (<http://teacherprepprogram.org/>), and through social media via the TEACH El Camino Instagram ([https://www.instagram.com/teach\\_el\\_camino/](https://www.instagram.com/teach_el_camino/)) and facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TEACHElCamino>) pages:

- 1) T.E.P. - The Educational Panel: Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, two sessions (morning: 10:00a-12:00p; and afternoon 1:00p-3:00p). Link to more info:  
<http://teacherprepprogram.org/event/t-e-p-the-educational-panel/>
- 2) Virtual Workshop Series – TEACH El Camino, as part of the TEACH Los Angeles Regional Collaborative, is partnering on this endeavor and hosting 5 sessions. Link to the complete flipbook program:  
<https://online.anyflip.com/jcxjg/thpe/mobile/index.html>
  - Thriving in the Classroom, May 18, 1p-2p (Link to registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thriving-in-the-classroom-10-essential-tips-tickets-103173506736>)
  - Faculty Interviewing Success: Tips for Community College Faculty Positions, May 20, 11a -12p (Link to registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faculty-interviewing-success-tips-for-community-college-faculty-positions-tickets-103175013242?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>)
  - Managing Home & School Life in Quarantine (with El Camino & Ro Hondo students), May 26, 10a-11a (Link to registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGJs075HhgCZSvzD7TpyKjhIZLRqjCFgmZrU2TsHd85VgzXw/viewform>)
  - Teaching Your Occupation, May 21, 11a-12p (Link to registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teaching-your-occupation-tickets-104145604306?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=cp&utm-term=destsearch>)

- Behavior Management and Positive Discipline, May 22, 9a-10a (Link to registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/behavior-management-and-positive-discipline-tickets-103175807618>)

c. Grant proposals in progress – Bobby Becka and Yadira Arellano

1) 2020-21 LA Regional SWP-TPP grant application

All 19 California Community Colleges in the LA Region have been invited to participate in this project, with El Camino as the lead. The 4 essential pieces to this Work-Based Learning proposal are:

- PRE-apprenticeship work-based learning: Take best practices from other successful TPP pre-apprentice programs and adapt/adopt. CCSF example - start with (CCSF plans to have 400 students in pre-apprenticeships and dual enrollment in summer 2020).
- Faculty professional development: Opportunities for pre-service and in-service PD throughout project. Last year we held a regional conference and over 300 people attended, including college and high school faculty. The need is there and the desire for professional development is strong.
- Creating shared standards in teacher preparation: Degrees and Certificates - not universal, campuses being able to address individual needs and Personalized purpose. We want to locate disparities and meet schools where they are. The program will Model Best Practices in teacher preparation and help elevate colleges and their teacher preparation programs. Bring each campus to shared standards in teacher preparation so students have access and quality across the region.
- Equity vehicle: The 2020-21 LA Region SWP-TPP Project is a vehicle for equity. A 2019 Learning Policy Report noted that “teachers on emergency-style permits are three times as likely to teach in California’s high-minority schools and twice as likely to teach in high-poverty schools as in more advantaged schools.” (Do you know how many of our K-12 students in Los Angeles are classified as socio-economically disadvantaged? 84%!)

2) US Department of Education, FY 2020 Supporting Effective Educator Development (SEED) program

El Camino has been invited to partner with Rio Hondo and Cerritos Colleges, as well as the Center for Collaborative Education, on a grant application for this competition. It is only in the planning stage, but the deadline is 12 June.

### **Agenda Item 6: Advisory Members' Announcements and Contributions**

Please feel free to contact anyone within our department with any questions, comments, suggestions, ideas, or concerns. Below is the contact information for the 4 full time CDEV faculty members at ECC.

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### **Agenda Item 8: A Moment of Gratitude**

A note of appreciation to all of our board members, whether you have served just 1 year on the board or have been supporting our department for many years. Keeping in contact with the community will continue to be a goal for our department. We hope to keep in touch!