Early Childhood Education Program
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2004

Members attending: Barbra Jones, Nora Richards, Linda Iafrate, Barbara Prindle-Eaton, Maggie Donahue, Jayne Cedeno, Debra Murphy

1. Discussed current program events and initiatives. Debra Murphy presented information about the application for the Building Careers grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education. All members agreed that this was a nice opportunity, although it is not Advancing the Field, which was a much larger grant.

2. Discussed potential participation in the NAEYC Two-Year Program Accreditation process. Massachusetts is one of a few states the NAEYC has chosen to field test the project. Debra Murphy attended an information meeting this spring and brought in a copy of the accreditation standards. She proposes to align the ECE program to the new accreditation criteria. Members agreed with that strategy.