Early Childhood Education Program
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2004

Members attending: Barbra Prindle-Eaton, Linda Iafrate, Maggie Donahue, Debra Murphy


2. Discuss status of NAEYC accreditation and ECE Program Review. We have not heard from the DOE about the accreditation, but are going ahead with the program review. Debra Murphy presented the new program outcomes taken from the NAEYC standards.

3. Developed a draft Mission Statement, starting with a copy of the College Mission Statement. Discussed concerns about making clear the different career paths offered and possible career choices as part of the mission. We decided to add a brief listing of career possibilities, to include both Early Intervention and Head Start, because we felt that students often do not consider these choices. Debra Murphy will send the draft out by email for comments and edit it accordingly.

Program Mission Statement

Cape Cod Community College Early Childhood Education Program is an integral member of the Early Care and Education community of Cape Cod and the Islands. The program provides certificate and associate degree opportunities as well as ongoing professional development for pre-service
and in-service teachers of young children from birth through age 7 through a combination of early childhood courses, field work, and a strong liberal arts foundation. Program graduates prepare to work in all sectors of the local child care community, including Head Start, public and private preschools, as well as state licensed group and home child care for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children.

The program also serves as a step on a career ladder leading to a Bachelor’s degree or higher in a variety of careers such as Early Intervention, child psychology, and teaching K-2 in a public or private school.

The program philosophy encompasses Developmentally Appropriate Practice informed by national standards and state guidelines. Students are expected to develop a professional attitude with an understanding of global issues and a vision for the future.