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| **LAMC Members Present** | **Committee Members Present** | **Student Reps. & Staff present** |
| Blanca Santillan; *Mentor*  Diana Garcia; *CDC Teacher*  Ivet Bazikyan; *Faculty*  Janice Silver; *Dept. Chair*  Lilamani De Silva; *Faculty*  Marla Uliana; *Dean of Academic Affairs.*  Patricia Rodriguez; *Faculty* | Migdalia Bourdett; *Advisory Committee Chair*  Annie Cox; *Chime Institute*  Avery Valdez; *LAUSD*  Cyndee Riding; *Around the Korner*  Edilma Serna; *P.I.T.C., West Ed.*  Emily Janes; *L.A. Attorney’s Office*  Eva Soto Solano; *Osceola Elemen.*  Lauren Bishop; *Quality Behavior Solutions*  Melissa Herrarte; *Foothill Learning Center*  Noemi Tovar; *CCRC, Head Start Birth to Five*  Rosa Gonzalez; *North Valley YWCA* | Alba Jathan; *Stud. Rep.*  Andrea Moreno; *Tutor*  Kristi Brolezi; *Stud. Rep.*  Richard Lam; *Dept. Secretary* |

1. **Lunch and Networking – 12:00 – 12:30**
2. **Welcome**

* Janice Silver welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to come.
* Migdalia Bourdett the chair of the Child Development Advisory introduced herself and thanked everyone in attendance.

1. **Approval of Minutes, December 2017**

* Annie Cox moved to approve last years Advisory minutes, Rosa Gonzalez seconded. Everyone voted in favor to approve.
* Marla Uliana, Dean of C.T.E. was introduced to the committee by Janice. Marla introduced herself and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions to these advisory meetings.
* Janice introduced all of the full-time faculty that were present to the rest of the members.

1. **Departmental Update and Packet**

* Janice reviewed the packet that was distributed to everyone and briefly went over its contents.
* Shared that the Student Resource Center has been a very useful resource for the students.
* The Child Development Center is completely integrated with the instructional classes, this partnership has been very beneficial in giving the students hands on experience.
* A brand-new program for Transitional Kindergarten is just being started this SPRING 2019 semester, Janice shared they need help getting this course to make. Family studies and gerontology also needs to make.
* Information on the Child Development training consortium program is also in the packet
* Patricia Rodriguez went over the document that listed some important highlights in the Department
* Patricia shared that the online offerings were being expanded.
* Patricia discussed the Department initiatives that have been worked on throughout the year. Janice shared Dan Siegel will be coming to the campus to give a talk on March 8, this is a very exciting event.
* Lilamani De Silva discussed the recommendations that were previously given last year and the Department’s responses to them.
* Ivet Bazikyan, the new full-time faculty member who will be focusing on growing the Family Studies and Gerontology program for the Department, introduced herself. She asked everyone for their assistance in spreading the word regarding these two programs.
* Janice Silver went over the Department’s priorities for spending the funds from the Child Development Training Consortium. She asked the advisory members for their approval, everyone approved.

1. **Committee Chair Position/Terms**

* Announced that Migdalia Bourdett has been Chair of this advisory for two terms and this term marks her last term. She will not be running for re-election. The election for the next Chair will be at the next meeting, Janice urged anyone interested to contact either her or Migdalia.

1. **Committee Self-Introductions including Program Information, Issues, and Recommendations**

* **Noemi** from CCRC gave updates. Have been working closely with LAMC on their mentorship program, parents are able to sign up for Child Development classes.
* **Recommendation:** Individualizing care for each family and their unique needs by having meaningful conversations with the family instead of checking off from a general list.
* **Cyndee Riding**, Executing director of Around the Korner. Shared that she really likes LAMC and the students who graduate from it.
* **Recommendation:** Their biggest training need is with home visitations.
* Jan added LAMC is the first college in the district to start a class on home visitation, CD 55
* Cyndee shared one difficulty she has been dealing with is their staff leaving due to places like CCRC expanding and hiring from her schools. Cyndee added she doesn’t blame CCRC but it has been difficult to deal with the loss staff/faculty.
* Rocio added she has also had to deal with a similar issue but she believes it is also due to the increase in minimum wage, because they are a non-profit it is difficult to compete with other places offering much more competitive salaries.
* **Annie Cox** is the director of Early education program at Chime. She shared they are going into their 29th year. They have been serving families with a lot of needs. It is difficult to get the resources to support the families.
* Discussed the pre-school expulsion issue.
* **Eva Solano** works for LAUSD as a mentor teacher.
* Provide students for an opportunity to do their practicum.
* **Recommendation:** Students should all take a class for working with special needs children. At least take CD 45.
* **Blanca Santillan** represents the Mentor Program in LAMC.
* The mentor program is integrated with the Child and Family Studies Department. She shared that a lot of practicum students who do hands on activities with the students, leave more experienced and knowledgeable.
* **Diana Garcia** is a teacher at the Child Development Center. The CDC provides an opportunity for practicum students to implement theory into practice. They have a total of 103 children, primarily from low income families.
* The center has a family resource room that provides items and educational meetings bi-weekly to increase family engagement.
* Jan added they are hoping to convert the resource room into a family resource center that can provide support and services for the families.
* **Edilma Serna** represents P.I.T.C.
* Discussed a need for more socialization and assisting autistic children. Continuing to work on the issue of equity. The program is becoming more global, one of the teams is going to China.
* **Emily Janes** program coordinator for the Domestic Violence Support Program.
* **Recommendation**: Teaching intervention and what to look for regarding children who may be suffering from Domestic Violence.
* **Alba Jathan** Student representative for LAMC.
* She shared her experience as a student and immigrant and now working as a student worker. She thanked everyone in LAMC and she’s had a wonderful experience with the department.
* **Melissa Herrarte** is head of private preschool facility that houses up to 45 children.
* **Recommendation** a big issue has been open communication between the teacher and the student and their family.
* Resources has been one of their most asked questions and issues.
* **Avery Valdez** Human Resources advisor for LAUSD
* Noticed some candidates haven’t had actual real-life experience being in a program.
* **Recommendation** Students need to experience more and be able to see the ins and outs of how running a class works.
* **Lauren Bishop** – director for Quality Behavior Solutions.
* They have now moved to Van Nuys**.**
* Specialize with children 0-8 years old.
* **Recommendation –** Families aren’t aware of Developmental screenings or where they can go for Developmental screenings
* **Kristi** is a student in LAMC
* Talked about her experience as a student and how invaluable practicum is for her.
* **Recommendation-**Possibly more weekend and online classes.
* **Rocio** is a site director for the North Valley YWCA
* Shared that recruiting has been a challenge as they are a non-profit with limited funds.
* **Recommendation:** Students need to be more sensitive/empathetic.

**Janice and Migdalia thanked everyone for their input and guidance.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Richard Lam**