

EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs Advisory Meeting

Wednesday, 8/2/2023

1:00—2:30 PM

<https://laccd.zoom.us/j/84660840579>

Members Present:

Kaman Ng, EOPS Assistant Director/Counselor
 Blanca Rodriguez, CARE Coordinator
 Tracye Jones, NextUp Coordinator
 Angel Cristales, Counselor/CalWORKs Representative
 Katlin Morales, Counselor/Transfer Representative

Mary Costa, Interim SPS Assistant Director
 Ludwig Perez, FA Director
 Jesus Flores, CSUN EOP Representative
 Deatrice Shernell, LBCC EOPS Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM

1. Introduction and review of agenda and minutes
 - a. K.Ng welcomed the committee with introduction. J.Flores and M.Costa are our new members.
 - b. K.Ng shared agenda and previous meeting minutes in chat with the group. Members can email K.Ng any changes to the minutes that need to be corrected.
2. EOPS/CARE/NextUp Report and Goals
 - a. K.Ng shared report of EOPS for FY 22-23. Report was shared in chat and reviewed with the group. Report included enrollment count, retention and success data, and special event engagement breakdowns. EOPS continue to provide 100% online and in-person services. LAHC EOPS reached its enrollment goal of 600-650 serving an unduplicated total of 622. The 23-24 enrollment goal is 650. EOPS continue to bridge academic gaps by providing wrap around services to students. Another 23-24 goal will be to bring up success rate.
 - b. T.Jones shared updates on NextUp. NextUp met its goal of serving above 61 students to bring program up to the next funding level. LAHC NextUp also served the highest number of students within LACCD in 22-23. 4 NextUp students graduated from LAHC in Spring and an overall of 4 NextUp students have been admitted/attended Nursing programs. The program continues to do collaboration work with the community like LAUSD and bringing students to enrichment activities. LAUSD has also requested LAHC to host next year's LAUSD graduation for foster youth. Goals for NextUp next year include distributing a small grant each month verse one large sum, and enrolling students in an English 101 via an informal cohort to provide more academic support.
 - c. B.Rodriguez shared CARE report via a newsletter which included an overview of CARE data and activities in 22-23. CARE served 47 students in 22-23, just shy of the goal of 50. B.Rodriguez share concern for CARE student academic success. However, the CARE program provides a lot of tools, engagement activities, and intrusive contacts to students. A big accomplishment of the CARE program from last year is that 10 students received Soroptimist scholarships (out of 13 who applied). CARE report included many pictures of our parent-students throughout the year. CARE has a goal of serving 50 students in 23-24. A concern for CARE enrollment that may come up this year is that the CCCC has removed the self-certification practice and will now require students to have their verification form signed and stamped by a county worker, a practice that was lifted due to the 2020 pandemic. We hope to get in touch with Jason Harris, LAHC EOPS board member, to see how he may be able to advise us. We also look forward to the support from the college CalWORKs team.
 - a. D.Shernell gave advice on how LBCC has had success serving their CARE students by having student peer advisors who calls the CARE students regularly. They also provide grants to students who attend activities based on MRC. LBCC MRC was shared to B.Rodriguez.
 - d. K.Ng quickly shared that another goal for EOPS is to fully staff the EOPS office.

3. Campus and Community Partner Updates

- a. L.Perez agreed that smaller increments of monthly grants are a great idea for both CARE and NextUp. If we decide to move forward with this plan, we will have to let him know sooner rather than later as the district does have to change the system to allow it. He also said that there is low enrollment for FWS. It's hard to compete with other private companies out there that pay a higher hourly rate.
- b. A.Cristales shared that CalWORKs is working on helping students enroll in classes. They continue to partner with the community to bring in workshops and internship opportunities.
- c. J.Flores said that CSUN EOP is now closing out their summer bridge program. He shared the many components of the EOP program with many different events. He shared that 89 LAHC students applied to CSUN and only 20 applied to EOP last year. He shared tips of completing the EOP application. K.Ng asked if he would be willing to facilitate a workshop for our students at our LAHC Transfer Con. Date and time were shared and will follow up on details after meeting.
- d. K.Morales shared transfer updates starting with the Transfer Con next Friday. Flyer was shared in chat. Transfer Fair will be hosted on Sept. 12. K.Morales gave a shout out to EOPS and the many collaboration that we do together to serve students.
- e. M.Costa shared that LAHC will be hosting the 9th Annual LACCD Disability Summit that is open to all staff, faculty, admin, and students.
- f. K.Ng thank the group for their time, advise, and welcomed our new members again. We look forward the supports and collaborations we get to do together.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15PM