

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Education/Methods &
Advancement

Month/Year of Report: Jan 2010

Group Leader: Neil Morton

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I. Budget Highlights

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Continuing to Uploading materials a shared network drive for all Language and Translation departments to store Cherokee language files in one central location .
- 2 Worked with apple computers on setting up a frequency data base of the Cherokee syllabary for the iPhone
3. Continuing to retyping and converting old Cherokee material in to Cherokee Unicode so it can be used on computer database.
4. Continuing to Localize computer software for Immersion classroom.

b.) Accomplishments

- 1 100 poster sets of 8 Cherokee Immersion Educational Graphics for Schools and Community.
2. 2500 Cherokee Curriculum disc made
- 3 1200 animation DVD disc made.
4. Completion of Lead based paint book in Cherokee.
5. Teacher and Staff Training on Computers for Immersion.
6. New Air Cards for Immersion, Installing and deployment.
7. Syllabary School Flash Interactive Program Completion.
8. Working with Apple computers to get Cherokee as a larger recognized language on all computer systems.
- 9 Video Shot for Immersion documentation.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Place all Curriculum on website for Immersion staff for easy download.
 2. Iphone application that teaches Cherokee
 3. Develop a Cherokee language video game and application for the iPhone for the Immersion program.
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Group: Education/Arts

Month/Year of Report: January 2010

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I. Budget Highlights

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

Sequoyah Schools Speech and Drama Program, Amanda Ray

- Planning spring musical theatre production.
- Started new class designed specifically for students interested in competitive speech and debate.
- Participating in the Speech/Debate Tournament at the University of Oklahoma.

Sequoyah Schools Band Program, Sam Morris

- Band enrollment has increased for the second semester and we will be purchasing new flutes to accommodate the additional students.
- Several SHS students auditioned for the 2010 Eastern Oklahoma Band Directors Honor Band. Christy Tiger was chosen for the honor band and this honor was a first for Sequoyah Schools. We are proud of all the band students that auditioned and particularly pleased that Christy was selected.

Outreach, Robert Lewis

- Robert will provide an art lesson for Westville Alternative School in late January.
- Robert partnered with the Cherokee Heritage Center on several outreach activities.
- Robert is currently in the Cherokee language class.

Outreach, Barbra McAlister

- Developing outreach program with Robert Lewis for area schools.
- The private voice lessons for Cherokee Nation Citizens continue to grow and we are currently planning to offer more opportunities at the Sequoyah Schools campus. The lessons will be held in the Chapel and the dates are pending.

Camp Cherokee, Arts Institute & STEM Academy

- Planning is ongoing. Camp Cherokee will be held at the Heart O' Hills Camp and Conference Center July 25-31.
- Current projected enrollment is for 325 to 350 students.
- Camp applications will be available in the next 4 to 6 weeks.
- Currently finalizing the contract for Heart O' Hills Camp and Conference Center.

National Treasures

- The National Treasures Banquet was held in late December. Each National Treasure received a Visa Gift Card and was recognized during the event.
- Discussions have begun with Bill Glass on purchasing an art piece for the Cherokee Nation Permanent Collection.

b.) Accomplishments

Community Service Work.

1. Attended the monthly meeting of the City of Tulsa Arts Commission. Appointed Commission Chairman for the for the next two year term, starting January 2010. (Arts Commissioner)
2. Attended the Visual Arts Center Committee meeting of the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa. Meeting with the architects for the new visual arts center in the Brady Arts District. (Board Member and Past President of the Board)
3. Attending the Executive Committee Board Meeting for Leadership Oklahoma (Youth Leadership Committee Chair and Board Member)
4. Attending the Board Meeting for Oklahoma Arts Institute (Board Member)

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Develop choir program for Sequoyah Schools
 2. Developing arts program to support youth art in CNE properties
 3. Further develop the Cherokee Nation National Treasures program and establish program goals.
 4. Planning the Cherokee Anthologies Project, materials to be used in schools
 5. Develop a Silversmith jewelry program
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Month/Year of Report:

January 2010

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I. Budget Highlights

II. Program Highlights: Cultural Resource Center

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Beginning level language classes offered in a minimum of 20 communities for a 10-week period.
2. Conduct a minimum of 10 cemetery surveys as requested by communities:
3. Cherokee 1, 2, and 3 Online language classes are provided 3 times each year
4. Conduct monthly language immersion classes for employees.
5. Development of Language Assessments for fourth grade immersion students
6. Form an Advisory Committee consisting of parents, Boys & Girls Club staff, teachers, etc. for the ANA Cherokee Lifeways Program
7. Continue to work with the FY 2009 5 communities and 5 schools to provide after-school language and lifeways activities for students targeting 4 th -8 th grades.
8. Identify and contract with 4 additional communities and 4 additional schools to participate in the ANA Cherokee Lifeways Program for FY 2010
9. Provide 16 weeks of classes and 7 community events after-school for youth on traditional lifeways and healthy activities.
10. Sub-contract with Cherokee people to teach language and lifeways after-school activities to 4 th -8 th grade students.

b.) Accomplishments

1. Eight Community Language Classes have been completed 131 individuals enrolled. Six sites have been confirmed for the March classes.
2. The fourth employee immersion class will be conducted January 18 – 22. Twenty-three are registered for the class.
3. The OnLine Language classes have begun January 11 (See attached Schedule) The enrollment for each class as of today is: Cherokee 1 = 562; Cherokee 2 = 146; and Cherokee 3 = 71
4. Twenty-Two GPR survey requests have been received and four have been completed.
5. Healing-to-Wellness' Reclaiming Futures project On Site visitation: participants from the Cultural Center were Ryan Mackey, JP Johnson and Gloria Sly
6 Responded to 6 inmate requests for information; copied 3,350 sheets for language activities; 21 cultural packet mailed and 12 Language Class attendance certificates.
7. ANA Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 3, with 11 members present.
8. Fifteen Contracts have been signed with the after school programs' language and lifeways instructors.
9. ANA Training was held December 5 with 10 community and after-school program staffs and 4 ANA staff.
10. Contracts have been signed with 9 community sites and 9 after-school program sites
11. Elected Chief grave markers (11) have been received.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. February - Attending the NIEA Legislative Summit, Washington, DC.
2. Continue the development of a language mentor-apprentice program.
3. Continue work on NIEA's Native language task force drafting recommendations for President Obama's implementation.

Cherokee Nation Cultural Resources Center and Information Systems

Online Language Class Schedule - January - March 2010

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:30					
8:30 - 9:00					
9:00 - 9:30		Other Duties		Other Duties	Other Duties
9:30 - 10:00		As		As	As
10:00-10:30		Assigned		Assigned	Assigned
10:30 - 11:00					
11:00-11:30					
11:30 - 12:00					
12:00 - 12:30	Other Duties	Lunch	Other Duties	Lunch	Lunch
12:30 - 1:00	As	12:00 - 1:00	As	12:00 - 1:00	12:00 - 1:00
1:00-1:30	Assigned	Other Duties	Assigned	Other Duties	Other Duties
1:30-2:00					
2:00 - 2:30					
2:30-3:00	Lunch	As	Lunch	Other Duties	Other Duties
3:00-3:30	2:30 - 3:30	Assigned	2:30 - 3:30	As	As
3:30-4:00					
4:00-4:30	Cherokee III A		Cherokee III A		
4:30-5:00	4:00 - 5:00		4:00 - 5:00		
5:00-5:30					
5:30-6:00	Cherokee II B		Cherokee II B		
6:00-6:30	5:30 - 6:30		5:30 - 6:30		
6:30-7:00					
7:00-7:30	Cherokee I C		Cherokee I B		
7:30-8:00	7:00 - 8:00		7:00 - 8:00		
		Prerecorded Cherokee I, II & III 8 a.m. - Midnight		Prerecorded Cherokee I, II & III 8 a.m. - Midnight	

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Group: Directed Studies

Month/Year of Report:

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January/2010

Directed Studies, Coordinator

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I. Budget Highlights

Projecting Spring 2010 scholarships and other expenses (Cherokee Scholars, Directed Studies and Registered Nursing Program)

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures (Submitted pending approval)

1. # of New Directed Studies Applications Received-9 Accepted 1 (Spring 2010)
2. # of Colleges/Universities Visited for Directed Studies-0
3. # of Directed Studies Graduates-3 to date
4. # of Directed Studies working on 2-yr payback-3
5. # of Directed Studies Payback 2-yr employment completed-0
6. # of RN Scholarship Applications Received-5 (Spring 2010) Accepted 4
7. # of RN Graduates- 3 December 2009
8. # of RN Graduates working on 1-yr payback-4
9. # of RN Scholarship Payback 1-yr employment completed-0
10. # of Cherokee Scholars Pilot Schools accepted for 2009-10 academic year-4
11. # of Cherokee Scholars applications received-14 accepted-2

b.) Accomplishments

1. Continue correspondence with existing and new Directed Studies students for Spring 10. Presently have 11 Directed Studies students (10 continuing and 1 new for Spring 10)
2. Continue correspondence with existing and new Registered Nursing Program students for Fall. Presently have 19 RN students (14 continuing and 3 new for Spring 2010, 1 pickup 4th semester, 1 pickup 3rd semester)
3. Attend regularly meetings for Government Relations Forums and Leadership Summit.
4. Attend regularly meetings for CNBH Community Anti-Drug Network.
5. Continue working with Terri Nicoll with Oklahoma Scholars and Cherokee Scholars.
6. Set up and work Education Services booth at meetings (Council Community, community, public schools, colleges and universities.) Attended meetings: Jan 11-Inola High School
7. Directed Studies Graduates and Employment Site (2-yr payback)-3
8. Submitted draft agenda for DS Summer Institute 2010.
9. Attended 2 of 3 Education grant writing trainings.
10. Omitted the Summer semester application cycle for Directed Studies. For Fall 2010, deadline is June 18, 2010.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Developing a Collections Policy and Procedures in conjunction with HIED Nursing Program.
2. Outreach for Education Services at council community meetings and other outreach meetings: Jan 21-Jay H.S., February 2-Muskogee H.S., Feb. 18-Porter H.S., March 26-Hulbert H.S.
3. Secure dates for the Directed Studies, Cherokee Summer Institute, June or July 2010
4. Updating list of eligible degrees for Directed Studies.
5. Review and implement outreach campaign for Cherokee Scholars.
6. Visit target schools with Terri Nicoll for Cherokee Scholars
7. Will attend CADCA Leadership Forum, Feb. 7-12, 2010
8. Working with CNWO and CNBH assisting in the coordination of CADCA activities

Directed Studies- 11 students

RN Students-19

Cherokee Scholars-2

Group: Education Services
Cherokee Heritage Center

Month/Year of Report: January /2010
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I. Budget Highlights

1. The Cherokee Heritage Center currently employees 24 regular full-time CN employees and 1 regular part-time CN employee.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Scorecards measures

1. # of on site visitors-313
2. # of outreach participants served-1179
3. # of classes provided-1
4. # on-site cultural events-0
5. # of staff that completed 6 trainings-0
6. % of overall satisfaction with Cherokee Heritage Center experience- 91%

b.) Accomplishments

1. Cherokee History Exhibition- "Transition to the 1700's" October 4th/December 31st.
2. Southeastern Bead Class-December 4th & 5th @ the CHC.
3. The Cherokee Heritage Center marketing department has created a "Cherokee Heritage Center Facebook" fan page.
4. The CHC finance staff has completed the 2008 CHC audit that is due to CN in February.

c.) Future Initiatives

1. Develop a comprehensive teacher packet to be used as a Cherokee history/culture teaching resource.
2. Develop a new web-site that will be more user friendly and capable of supporting a fully functioning e-commerce package.
3. Work together with CHC and CNE to construct a new "1710 Cherokee Village" through 3-4 phases. (Phase 1 should begin in January/February 2010) CN Ancient Village employees will be involved in the construction of the pilot houses with the remainder of the project being contracted out.

CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT

Group: Education/Higher Ed **Month/Year of Report:** February 2010

Group Leader: W. Neil Morton **Phone:** 453-5405 **E-mail:** neil-morton@cherokee.org

I. Budget Highlights

- a.) Receiving Fall 2009 documents for processing awards for Spring 2010.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. **SCHOOL/COMMUNITY FAIRS:** Sallisaw Central HS College Fair 01/12, Jan doing presentation on CN higher education funding opportunities to high school counselors at Sallisaw Indian Capital Technical Center 01/20. Community Service Team Meeting in Claremore 01/26.
2. **FUNDING UPDATE – FALL 2009:** A total of 2,777 students processed with checks being sent to schools.
3. **PROGRAM GRADUATES – FALL 2009:** Undergraduate = ? Graduate = ? EE Leadership = ? Deadline date for transcripts is Jan. 22nd. Will report numbers next month.
4. **PROGRAM UPDATE – SPRING 2010:** SIPI = 20 , Employee Leadership = *0 funded to date
*funding approval contingent on requested documents coming in.

b.) Accomplishments

1. 2009-2010 Cherokee Nation Scholarship Program Application on website: new URL of <http://scholarships.cherokee.org> to access application. Taking applications for Spring 2010 consideration.
2. For Spring 2010, there are 121 completed applications on the waiting list.
3. For Spring 2010, there are 37 late Scholarship Award Notifications received from Fall.
4. The alphabet has been divided between the four staff employees who are now Student Advisors who will personally take care of students within their alphabet with phone calls and office visits.
5. Discussions taking place for Higher Education to partner with Career Services Vocational to help students and parents with information on scholarships and financial aid for school.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

Researching schools that offer free tuition to Native American students to be placed on website.

HIED staff has begun meeting with administration to discuss this year's process and make recommendations for any improvements for next year's application process. Also working on a HIED Procedures Manual. Future plans to provide advisement opportunities (news releases/workshops/seminars/website) to those students entering college for the first time on "how, when, and what to prepare when starting college". Just about ready to burn to CD's for distribution of the 'Scholarships for Native American Students' Manual.

Jan is preparing to schedule visits with service area high school counselors for feedback on how CN Higher Education can help their Cherokee students prepare and succeed in college.

**CHEROKEE NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Group:	JOM Program	Month/Year of Report:	January 2010		
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I. Budget Highlights

NEW JOM PROGRAM: Marble City Public School's JOM application for the 2009-2010 school year has been approved.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

- JOBS: Number of Cherokee speakers and artists who participated in program activities.**
- Cherokee Language Enrichment (CLE): **2 speakers**
 - Cherokee Challenge Bowl preparation for Immersion School: **2 speakers**
 - **2** Cultural presentations by local community groups: Brush Creek Singers & Red Clay Society
- COMMUNITY: Number of parents who attend workshops, training or cultural competitions:**
- **JOM:** IEC training provided to Salina JOM Community Based Program. **8 parents** participated.
 - **JOM 101** training held at Ketchum Public Schools on 1/14/10. 4 schools attended from Districts 5 & 9 with **14 parents and 4 JOM staff.**
- COMMUNITY: Number of schools who participate in JOM cultural enrichment programs.**
- Cherokee Language Enrichment (CLE): **3 Schools:** Braggs, Catoosa, Sallisaw.
- LANGUAGE: Number of students who participate in language, history, culture & leadership programs.**
- Cherokee Language Enrichment (CLE): 16 students;** Catoosa; Sallisaw, Braggs.
- LANGUAGE: Number of teachers who participate in language, history, culture & leadership programs.**
- Cherokee Language Enrichment (CLE): 4 Teachers/Catoosa (2), Sallisaw, Braggs..**
- b.) Program Accomplishments:**
- JOM On-site Monitoring: District 1-Briggs; District 2-Rocky Mt., Stilwell & Maryetta; District 6-Locust Grove.
 - Special Projects initiatives for January 2010:

EVENT	SCHOOLS	GRADES	STUDENTS	SCHOOL STAFF	PARENTS	TOTAL
Cherokee Language Enrichment (CLE)	Braggs	7-11	7	1	0	8
	Catoosa	7-8	6	2	0	8
	Sallisaw	8-12	3	1	0	4
TOTALS			16	4		20

- c.) Program Partnerships:**
- Cherokee Nation Immersion School - Cherokee "Immersion" Challenge Bowl: **Feb. 4th**

d.) Future Plans/New Initiatives:

- 1) Jan. 18-22: Cherokee Cultural Enrichment in Schools – Grandview After-school program
- 2) Jan. 27: CN/JOM focus group mtg. – Development of new JOM application
- 3) Jan. 28: JOM 101 Training: Keys JOM
- 4) Jan. 29: Cherokee Creative Writing Entries Due
- 5) Feb. 2-3: Cherokee Teacher Enrichment Institute
- 6) Feb. 8 : Cherokee Art Competition entries due
- 7) Feb. 8 : Cherokee Fine Arts entries due
- 8) Feb 10: Cherokee Law Institute
- 9) Feb. 17: Cherokee Language Enrichment Institute

**Mark your calendar for March 22-25, 2010:
OK JOM Conference/Tulsa, OK.**

Cherokee Nation Tribal Council

Education & Culture Committee Report

Group: Education: Immersion,
Curriculum & Instruction

Month/Year of Report: February 2010

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1. Budget Highlights

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

Immersion

- 1) Provide opportunity for children to learn Cherokee language
- 2) Provide opportunity for teachers and aides to obtain academic certification
- 3) Provide opportunities for community members to participate in language immersion activities

Curriculum & Instruction

- 1) Develop technology for Immersion students and other educational institutions
- 2) Produce age-appropriate materials for the Immersion classrooms
- 3) Create opportunity for fluent speakers in the community to speak Cherokee
- 4) Work with other Cherokees to create new words needed for curriculum

b.) Accomplishments:

Immersion

- 1) Hosted two sunrise assemblies with guest presenters, highlighted 1st grade and Kindergarten
- 2) Began lunch hour language classes for parents with four participants
- 3) OETA visited 1/13 and interviewed students and staff for news feature
- 4) Kindergarten class presented at Speakers Bureau
- 5) School closed Jan. 7 & 8 due to extreme cold
- 6) Dr. Lizette Peter from KU presented students standardized language assessment results at parent meeting and conducted staff development on Creative Use of Classroom Materials
- 7) Phyllis Pettit earned Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
- 8) 5 staff members attending spring semester higher ed classes working toward degrees (3 undergraduate, 2 graduate)

Curriculum & Instruction

- 1) Held Speakers Bureau; kindergarten class presented; participants have been learning about Cherokee treaties and learning new words, such as "Horseshoe Bend", "Florida", & "Constitution"
- 2) 2 English stories (*The Giving Tree* & *From Seed to Plant*) translated and made into books
- 3) 3 grammar workbooks (hungry, dropping, falling) for 5th grade curriculum in rough draft form, ready for proofing by translation department
- 4) Prepared caterpillar syllabary for use in Kindergarten class
- 5) Pamphlet "Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools" translated for David Pruitt in Rehab Department

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

Immersion

- 1) PRIORITY: address serious transportation concern: need an additional bus as soon as possible
- 2) Address safety issues: fencing around playground, outside lighting, speed bump, water fountain on playground, windows in existing classrooms
- 4) Increase number of certified teachers; fill early childhood position, hire elementary principal

Curriculum & Instruction

- 1) Create a set of 10 Cherokee grammar books
- 2) Host 10th meeting of the Cherokee Language Consortium in February

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Group: Education/Public School Outreach **Month/Year of Report:** February 2010

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I. Budget Highlights

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II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. Participated in Community Planning Strategy Team activities
2. Participated in Adair County Service Team Meetings
- 3.

b.) Accomplishments

1. LabView Presentation to FRC Team at the Stillwater Kickoff
2. Planning 4th Annual Cherokee Nation Science and Engineering Fair (Saturday, January 23)
3. SHS FRC Build Season Actives
4. Planning Camp Cherokee 2010 and The Cherokee Nation Science And Engineering Fair

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Cherokee Scholars school planning meetings with Schools and recruitment of 2010 schools
 2. AISES school visits and recruitment
 3. FIRST Robotics team Build Season Actives
 4. Camp Cherokee 2010 Planning Meetings
 5. National American Indian Science and Engineering Fair
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.Group Sequoyah Schools

Month/Year of Report: January 2010

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I. Budget Highlights+

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. J-L-2 Jobs Goal – Maintain a class GPA of 3.0 or higher Metric/Measure=Overall GP A Target=3.0 Actual=Grades 9-12 after 1st quarter=3.24 non honors, 3.27 with honors

2. J-L-2 Jobs Goal – Increase overall percent of proficient or higher scores on all EOI Tests Metric/Measure=Overall percentage Target = 80% Actual = Grades 9-12 Winter 2008/2009 Results pending Grades 9-12 Spring 2008/2009 Testing scheduled for April 2009

3. C-L-3 Community Goal – To teach the students the importance of Ga-Du-Gi Metric/Measure # of students completing and documenting ten hours of community service work Target = 35 students Actual = All students are working towards the ten hour goal.

The current class numbers are 7th grade- 17; 8th grade-18; 9th grade-92; 10th grade-10; 11th grade-84; and 12th grade-84 for a total of 393 enrolled. A total of 118 students are presently in the dormitories.

b.) Accomplishments

Sequoyah has a current enrollment of 393.

Lynsey Dry, Senior has signed a letter of acceptance to attend the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School.

Drury University has conducted financial literacy simulations with students the week of January 11.

Students Cortney glass, Haylee Beck, and Taylor Parent all accepted scholarships to play fast pitch softball at Rogers State University.

A total of 27 Gates Millennium Scholarship applications were submitted. Notifications for those students meeting the finals will be provided the first week of March and a final list of scholarships will be announced by April 15, 2010.

Students Justin Lepley, Dominic Washington, Christian Hummingbird and Jacob Tiger were offered football scholarships to play at Northeastern State University.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

Sequoyah will host Open House for area 8th grade schools on February 17, 2010.

Administration has started work on the athletic championship banners for the new gymnasium.

Sequoyah received office letter from BIA advising that we made AYP for the school year. Letters were mailed to parents notifying them of SHS status. The information is also on the SHS website.

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January 2010

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I. Budget Highlights

- a.) The budget is 15% spent for the first two months of the first quarter.

II. Program Highlights

a.) Balanced Scorecard Measures

1. The balanced scorecard estimates have been met for this quarter.
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b.) Accomplishments

1. The Salina relocation and expansion project is operational.
2. The Lowrey playground project is 60% complete.
3. 75% of the Early Head Start expansion staff slots are selected.
4. Expansion enrollment is 100%.
5. The start up plan and implementation of the Tahlequah Expansion phase 1 is complete.

c.) Future Plans/New Initiatives

1. Early Head Start Orientation conference scheduled in March 2010.
2. Quarterly Health Advisory Board meeting is January 29, 2010.
3. The monthly Policy Council Meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010.
4. Wauhilla NAEYC Renewal visit will be in March 2010.
5. The Oklahoma Indian Head Start Cluster Training will be held on February 18 – 19, 2010 in Tulsa, OK.
6. The Public School Superintendents meeting will be held on February 2, 2010.
7. The Leadership Academy Graduation will be held on February 9, 2010.

Group: Career Services-
Education/Training Month/Year of Report: January 2010

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I. **Budget Highlights – Please refer to Monthly Financial Report**

None

II. **Program Highlights**

a. **Balanced Scorecard Measures**

Activity	December	YTD	Goal	% of Goal
Training Completions	41	120	650	18%
Employment Completions	33	200	400	50%
Unsubsidized Placement	12	63	400	16%
Retention	52	196	200	98%
WorkKey Credentialing	29	80	450	18%
Job Bank	158	330	2000	17%
Community Service	3	34	60	57%

Balanced Scorecard measures for the previous month will be available the 15th of each month.

b. **Accomplishments**

1. The Adult Education Program had 24 out of 32 individuals pass the GED this month.
2. We have had seven individuals transition from the Day Work Program to Vocational Training.
3. VR staff recognition in Muskogee Phoenix, Tahlequah Daily Press, and Indian Country Today.

Initiatives

1. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program will conduct a workshop presentation at the 14th National Forum for the Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals, April 9-11, 2010.