

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2002
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Visalia CA
Aspen Room

Minutes

- Members Present: Irene Aguirre, Donna Bailey, Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Debbie Castro, Margie Chavez, Rose Crow, Maggie Florez, Tim Foster, Senaida Garcia, Marilyn Giese Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Celeste Rodriguez, Carolyn Rose, Ramon Sanchez, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, and Mary Thomas.
- Guests Present: Brandi Clark, Carlos Gaytan, Ed Kuykendall, and Holly Kuykendall.
- Members Absent: Natalie Boudreaux, Glenna Crumal, Laurel Eckert, Michele Morrow, Ursula Neal, Marie Pinto, Dale Rowden, Isidro Silva Jr., Mary Wright, and Sally Ybarra.

I. Welcome, Introductions

Pam Pulford, Chair, welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

II. Council Training

Unfortunately the Children's Museum was unable to attend.

III. Approval of Minutes

Tim Foster made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Rose Crow seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. Public Comments

Carlos Gaytan, with Community Care Licensing, informed the Council that Martha Lopez has retired and Dave Dodds is the new Deputy Director.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Letters of Support

i. YMCA

The YMCA requested a letter of support for a Proposition 10 proposal they are submitting. Brandi Clark distributed information regarding the project and gave a brief presentation. The project is to provide stipends

to licensed child care providers in homes and centers that work with children 0-5. The stipends would be based on permits and Early Childhood Education units. The YMCA requested that the Council assist by distributing information the R&R mailing list, hosting an information session, and sharing the mailing list from AB 212.

There was some concern expressed regarding the Council agreeing to provide information from R&R and duplicating services that were provided through AB 212.

Carolyn Rose made a motion that the Council only provides a letter of support. Stan Stine seconded the motion. Donna Bailey, Alma Potter, and Lois Sheffield opposed. Tim Foster and Senaida Garcia abstained. The motion was carried.

ii. Turning Point of Central California

Turning Point of Central California also requested a letter of support for a Proposition 10 proposal they are submitting. The project is to provide mental health services to the Home Based Program families with children 0-5. The project would serve 950 children over a three-year period. Requested funding is for \$185,000 to support the activities of two behavioral specialists.

Carolyn Rose made a motion to provide a letter of support. Erma Montion seconded the motion. Senaida Garcia abstained.

B. Membership

i. Board of Supervisors Appointees

The BOS has one community vacancy, one discretionary vacancy, and one child care provider vacancy.

ii. Superintendent of Schools Appointees

The Superintendent does not have any vacancies at this time.

C. Staff Schedule

In order to complete graduate school, Tina Shirley requested a reduction in hours from 35 to 30. Stan Stine made a motion to approve the change in hours. Tim Foster seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

D. Budget

A draft of the Council budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year was reviewed. Donna Bailey made a motion to approve the budget with another review in January. Prudy Tanner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

E. Strategic Plan

The Council reviewed the revised strategic plan objectives based on the June 2002 retreat. Tim Foster made a motion to accept the revisions. Prudy Tanner seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Council Training

Mary Thomas is the new Chair of the subcommittee. She indicated that they need about six members on the subcommittee.

B. Quality Development

i. Quality Summit

1. Update

Staff gave an update on the activities of the Quality Development Subcommittee and the progress on the summit.

2. Registration of Council Members

Members discussed whether or not the Council should pay for registration. Stan Stine made a motion that any Council member not working at the summit should pay the registration fee. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

3. Vendors

A list of registered vendors was distributed and reviewed.

4. Council Booth

Staff requested assistance with the Council booth at the summit. Margie Chavez, Tim Foster, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, and Carolyn Rose offered to help. Staff will contact them to further discuss details.

5. Dinner

Ed Kuykendall gave a presentation regarding the dinner that is being hosted on September 11, 2002. He indicated that the Rotary is not sponsoring the dinner. The "Genesis Project" is a group of concerned citizens that would like to bring awareness to the community regarding child development and brain development. They are working with the Attorney Generals Office and the Safe from the Start project to fund Dr. Perry.

Some members were concerned that the Council was not invited to the dinner. Mr. Kuykendall indicated that there was limited space and they were trying to keep it to 175 people. However, he stated that they would make room for Council members. Staff will forward the Council mailing list to him.

C. Marketing

The Marketing Subcommittee plans to focus on revising and updating the website. They are still in need of more members.

D. Subcommittee Reorganization

At the retreat the following subcommittees were agreed on:

- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Assessment and Development
- ◆ Quality Development
- ◆ Council Training
- ◆ Assembly Bill 212

VII. Proposition 10 Update

Michele Morrow was unable to attend the meeting, but provided staff with the following update.

The 2002 RFP was released July 15, 2002. There were 45 letters of intent received and accepted by the deadline. Applications are due to the Commission office no later than August 30, 2002. Applications will be read and scored by readers contracted from other counties. The Commission will interview proposers and approve applications at the October 24, 2002 Commission meeting.

The Commission released a "Child Care Provider" focused mini-grant on August 12, 2002. The funding is available to any provider of child care, formal and informal, in Tulare County. The Commission has allocated \$125,000 for the funding cycle. The grants will be awarded up to a maximum of \$5,000.

The State Commission has contracted with SRI (Stanford Research Institute) and seven other collaborative partners to provide the statewide evaluation for all of the 58 counties.

VIII. Staff Report

A. AB 212 Update

A total of 432 applicants were provided with stipends amounting in \$401,450. There is approximately \$119,000 left to spend by June 30, 2002. There is another 15 million in the state budget to once again provide

stipends to state subsidized child care providers. However, until the budget has been passed no contracts will be issued.

B. SB 1703 Update

Staff will work with Lois Sheffield and Ruth Lewis, R&R Coordinator, to develop a plan for SB 1703 and submit it to the State. The Child Development Division Consultant for the project has indicated that the plan may be turned in after the due date, however contracts will be delayed.

C. Regional Resource Center

There were no items to report.

D. Other

No other items were discussed.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Next Meeting

The Early Connections, Lasting Connections Quality Summit will take the place of the Council meeting on September 12, 2002.