

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2002
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Visalia CA
Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: Donna Bailey, Natalie Boudreaux, Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Margaret Chavez, Rose Crow, Tim Foster, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Michele Morrow, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Celeste Rodriguez, Ramon Sanchez, Isidro Silva Jr., Tina Shirley (staff), Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, and Sally Ybarra.

Absent: Irene Aguirre, Debbie Castro, Glenna Crumal, Laurel Eckert, Maggie Florez, Senaida Garcia, Ursula Neal, Marie Pinto, Carolyn Rose, Dale Rowden, Lois Sheffield, Mary Thomas, and Mary Wright.

Guests: Carlos Gaytan and Debbie Wise.

I. Welcome, Introductions

Pam Pulford, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. Council Training

Debbie Wise gave a presentation on the Tulare County Children and Families Commission. The Commission has changed its' name to First Five Tulare County to be in line with the State Commission and more representative of what their focus is. Ms. Wise also discussed Proposition 28, which is the proposition to repeal Proposition 10, and the importance of supplementing programs not supplanting them. Finally, she discussed their current funding opportunities.

III. Approval of Minutes

Stan Stine made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Barbara Bozarth seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Letters of Support – Request Process

Pam Pulford presented an outline of what items should be included in a request for a letter of support. The Executive Committee would like the authority to provide letters of support to those requesting them as long as the project meets the Council's mission, vision, or objectives. Members made some suggestions on amending the request process. If a request is being made for any participation of or resources from the Council then it would be taken to the full meeting for a vote.

Erma Montion made a motion to approve the request process as amended. Stan Stine seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Council Training

Mary Thomas was unable to attend the meeting, but requested that another member take over as Chair of the subcommittee.

B. Quality Development

i. Quality Summit

1. Feedback from Council

Members stated that they thought the summit went well and have heard positive feedback from others that attended.

2. Evaluation Summaries

Overall the evaluations were very good. Summaries of each workshop and the overall summit evaluation were in each member's packet.

3. Budget

Staff reviewed the final summit budget. The summit was over budget by \$569. A request was made for the funds to be taken from the Council budget. Staff explained that the Council budget would have a salary savings of \$743 based on the Administrative Secretary position being changes to a Records Clerk II position.

There were some concerns that during original discussions of the summit, the Council did not want to cover any over budget amount. It was also stated that since it was a Council event then the Council should cover the over budget amount.

Michele Morrow made a motion to utilize the salary savings to cover the over budget costs of the summit. Alma Potter seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Staff announced that the summit was taped and the cost to reproduce the two-tape set is \$10.

C. Marketing

The Marketing Subcommittee will be focusing on the website and developing media connections for the remainder of the year.

VII. Strategic Plan Follow-up

A. Goals for the Year

Pam Pulford reviewed the goals and objectives that were developed at the June retreat. Goal 3 was amended to read: Promote the value and availability of quality child care in Tulare County. Additionally, under Goal 3 objective 3, children were moved to be included with consumers. Goal 4 was amended to read: To increase and improve the understanding, knowledge and expertise of child care council members about the specifics of child care in Tulare County.

B. Subcommittee Reorganization

Subcommittees were reorganized and membership is as follows:

Marketing - Erma Montion, Isidro Silva Jr., Celeste Rodriguez, Tim Foster, Debbie Castro (Chair), Natalie Boudreaux, Ramon Sanchez, and Maggie Florez.

Assessment and Development - Donna Bailey, Pam Pulford, Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, and Senaida Garcia.

Quality Development - Sally Ybarra, Barbara Bozarth, Sharon Heberling, Marilyn Giese, Rose Crow, Margaret Chavez, Michele Morrow, Mary Wright (Chair), and Dale Rowden.

Council Training - Mary Thomas, Marie Pinto, and Laurel Eckert.

Assembly Bill 212 - Barbara Bozarth, Erma Montion, Karen Cardell, Debbie Castro, Ramon Sanchez, Stan Stine, Donna Bailey, Rose Crow, Michele Morrow, Sally Ybarra, and Sharon Heberling.

VIII. Proposition 10 Update

Michele Morrow reported that there were 37 proposals received and 13 that passed the initial scoring by independent contractors. Those 13 will be presented to the Commission at the October meeting. Additionally, 106 child care mini grants were received. The mini grants will also be presented to the Commission at the October meeting. Finally, Michele indicated that 13 school districts applied

for the school readiness grants and the Commission should hear back from the State on November 13, 2002.

IX. Staff Report

A. AB 212 Update

Staff will be coordinating a meeting of AB 212 eligible center representatives and the subcommittee to discuss retention issues and the subcommittee will then meet to determine how the remaining funds for the fiscal year should be spent.

B. SB 1703 Update

The SB 1703 plan was submitted to the State for approval. A meeting is scheduled for October 22nd to discuss the final plan and the upcoming Transfer of Knowledge Symposium.

The symposium is scheduled for November 15, 2002 in Sacramento. Each county will send a leadership team of nine members to develop a goal and action plan for their community.

C. Other

There were no other items discussed.

X. Announcements

It was announced that the Strathmore Healthy Start received an honor at the Blue Cross annual dinner for their service in the Strathmore area. Also, there will be a vocational occupational day in Strathmore on October 25th from 3 – 5 PM.

Pam Pulford announced that the Teviston child development center opened on October 1st.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2002 from 3 – 5 PM in the Aspen room.