

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2002
3:00 – 5:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Donna Bailey, Karen Cardell, Debbie Castro, Margaret Chavez, Maggie Florez, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Michele Morrow, Pam Pulford (Chair), Celeste Rodriguez, Carolyn Rose, Dale Rowden, Ramon Sanchez, Lois Sheffield, Mary Thomas, Mary Wright, Sally Ybarra

Absent: Irene Aguirre, Natalie Boudreaux, Barbara Bozarth, Rose Crow, Glenna Crummal, Laurel Eckert, Tim Foster, Senaida Garcia, Ursula Neal, Marie Pinto, Alma Potter, Isidro Silva, Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, and Tina Shirley (staff).

Guests: Mike Meyers with Child Support Services.

I. Welcome, Introductions

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

II. Council Training

Alisa Giltmier, Disabilities/Mental Health Coordinator with Tulare County Office of Education gave a presentation on Special Needs care. There are currently 100 children enrolled in the Head Start Special Needs Program. The program is in need of 200 children. Teachers are responsible for the screening process of the children and the testing is done by the Visalia Unified School District. The wait for services is about two weeks. Some services are provided on site while other services are available at the district site.

III. Approval of Minutes

Lois Sheffield made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Executive Committee Report

Pam reported that the SEE Company would be publishing 103 booklets of the Economic Impact Report. This booklet will be available to council members at our January 2003 LPC meeting.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Council Training

This committee is still in need of new members.

B. Quality Development

This committee is brainstorming ideas for the next year. They discussed the Quality Summit and decided that the council will have a Quality Summit every other year. The next Quality Summit will be in September 2004. The next meeting date will be January 6, 2003.

C. Marketing

i. Web Site

Debbie Castro presented to the council the change of the logo on the Web Site from the rainbow to our LPC logo. Marilyn Giese made a motion to carry. Erma Montion seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

The decision for the Marketing Committee to make changes on ideas with the website and then bring those changes to council was discussed. Karen Cardell made a motion to carry. Mary Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

VII. CDPAC Conference- February 19 & 20

There are funds available to nine council members to the CDPAC Conference in February. Please notify Tina or Celeste if you would like to attend. Margaret Chavez indicated that she would like to attend. Carolyn Rose made a motion for staff to arrange for nine council members to attend the conference. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VIII. Proposition 10 Update

Michele Morrow gave an update on Prop 10. She reported that 47 mini-grants have been approved and site visits will be done. There will be an event after site visits that will have Kaplan & Lakeshore with materials. There are also 8 general grants approved to begin on 1-1-03. The November meeting was cancelled and a meeting for December will be scheduled.

IX. Staff Report

A. AB 212 Update

The AB 212 subcommittee members met with state-subsidized center-based contractors on Tuesday, November 12, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was to review what stipends had been disbursed so far, determine how remaining funds should be spent, and give an update on potential new funding. The committee recommended that remaining funds will first be spent on disbursing stipends to new employees that did not have the opportunity to apply on the first round.

B. SB 1703 Update

Resource and Referral will recruit for a 30-hour a week Program Supervisor to oversee the activities of SB 1703.

X. Announcements

There will be no December Council meeting.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on January 9, 2003 in Lindsay from 3-5 pm.

Meeting adjourned 4:10 pm