

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2003
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Visalia CA
Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: Irene Aguirre, Donna Bailey, Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Debbie Castro, Margaret Chavez, Rose Crow, Glenna Crumal, Laurel Eckert, Tim Foster, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Celeste Rodriguez, Dale Rowden, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Mary Thomas, Mary Wright, and Sally Ybarra.

Guest: Beverly Anderson and Mike Meyerstein.

Absent: Natalie Boudreaux, Maggie Florez, Senaida Garcia, Michele Morrow, Ursula Neal, Marie Pinto, Carolyn Rose, Ramon Sanchez, Isidro Silva Jr., Stan Stine, and Prudy Tanner.

I. Welcome, Introductions

Pam Pulford, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. A special welcome was given to new member Glenna Crumal. Ms. Crumal is a full-time faculty member at College of the Sequoias and teaches child development. The Superintendent of Schools appointed her as a public agency representative.

II. Council Training

Lois Sheffield reviewed the budget process and discussed the potential impacts of the proposed State budget. There are 666 children that would be affected by the elimination of Stage 3 child care and a total of 4,797 children that would be affected by realignment. For a handout on the Governor's proposal for reductions in child care, contact the Planning Council Coordinator at 651-3026.

III. Approval of Minutes

Lois Sheffield made a motion to approve the November minutes as written. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. Tim Foster abstained, as he was not in attendance at the November meeting. The motion was carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Economic Impact Report

Members reviewed the list of potential recipients of the EIR. It was suggested that David Crawford and the State First 5 Commission also receive copies. Staff will ensure that the reports are distributed.

B. Budget Revision

Council members reviewed a revised budget with projected savings of \$3,025 and an augmentation of \$1,661 for a total of \$4,686 to be reallocated. There were several suggestions for reallocation of the funds:

- Print additional copies of the Needs Assessment
- Have a booth at the Child Care Conference in April
- Have copies of the Summit video made
- Send Council members to the Child Care Conference in April
- Marketing items

Donna Bailey made a motion to have 50 sets of Needs Assessments printed by the SEE Company, 40 sets of the summit videos copied, send 10 Council members to the Child Care Conference, cover the costs of having a booth at the Child Care Conference, and the remaining funds to be spent on marketing items to be distributed at the conference. Karen Cardell seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. Subcommittee Reports

A. Council Training

There was no report.

B. Quality Development

Mary Wright, Chair of the subcommittee gave a report on their activities. The group has been discussing the Council Vision for child care and the 2004 Summit. The vision will be reworked to include language related to family child care. Members have discussed the possibility of accreditation as the theme for the summit. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2003 at 3:30 PM in the R&R Conference room.

C. Marketing

The Marketing subcommittee is working on connecting with the County Schools Public Information Officer and getting the web site updated. The next meeting was scheduled for March 6, 2003 at 8:30 AM in the R&R Conference room.

D. Combining Committees

Due to difficulty with attendance for the Training and Marketing subcommittees, it was suggested that the two be combined. Lois Sheffield thought it would make more sense to combine the Training and Quality Development subcommittees instead. After some discussion Karen Cardell made a motion to combine the Quality Development and Council Training subcommittees. Donna Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

E. Time for Scheduling Meetings

Subcommittees set up meeting times for the Month of March.

VII. Proposition 10 Update

A handout was distributed in member packets outlining the approved proposals for RFP #2. Seven providers were approved for 3rd year funding at the November Commission meeting. The State Commission approved 12 school readiness applications in Tulare County as part of the school readiness initiative. The Commission has a website at www.cfctc.org for additional information.

VIII. Staff Report

A. AB 212 Update

Applications were distributed to state funded contractors for any employee that did not receive a stipend in the summer. The application deadline was January 31, 2003. There were approximately 118 applications received. Staff will be reviewing the applications. At this time it does not look like there will be any remaining funds. Therefore no amendment to the plan will be needed. It is very likely that the new funds will be received with a funding cycle through June 2004. More information should be obtained at the Coordinators quarterly meeting.

B. SB 1703 Update

A contract has been received from the California Department of Education from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2004. Originally a Program supervisor was to be hired, however, due to the uncertainty of the State budget the program objectives will be carried out by the Contracts Manager, Planning Council Coordinator, Resource & Referral Coordinator, and Resource & Referral Program Supervisor.

C. CDPAC Conference Update

The conference is scheduled for February 19th. Those attending were asked to remain after the meeting to discuss travel arrangements.

D. Other

There were no other items.

IX. Announcements

Marilyn Giese announced that Barry Sommer is scheduled to give a presentation on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder on February 19, 2003 from 4:30 - 5:30 at CIGNA Healthcare. Anyone interested in attending should contact Marilyn.

Beverly Anderson announced that Synchrony received funding from First 5 Tulare County to provide services related to Reactive Attachment Disorder. There will be monthly training beginning on February 19, 2003. For more information contact Connie Treis at 635-4252.

X. Next Meeting

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2003 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Aspen room