

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2003
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Aspen Room

MINUTES

Present: Karen Cardell, Debbie Castro, Rose Crow, Tim Foster, Senaida Garcia, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Michael Meyerstein, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Celeste Rodriguez, Carolyn Rose, Ramon Sanchez, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Isidro Silva Jr., and Stan Stine.

Absent: Irene Aguirre, Donna Bailey, Natalie Boudreaux, Barbara Bozarth, Margaret Chavez, Glenna Crumal, Laurel Eckert, Maggie Florez, John Hobbs, Laura McLean, Michele Morrow, Prudy Tanner, Mary Thomas, Mary Wright, and Sally Ybarra.

I. Welcome, Introductions

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

II. Council Training

Connie Treis was unavailable to conduct the training. In her place, Council member and Synchrony representative, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance gave the council training on Attachment Disorders.

III. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Council was unable to vote on the minutes. They will be presented at the August meeting as an action item.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. State Coordinators Meeting

Pam Pulford, Chair, gave a report on the recent State Coordinators meeting that she and staff attended in Ontario. Lobbying, advocacy, and the state budget were discussed and handouts were included in member packets.

B. Bylaws

Unfortunately the Board of Supervisors did not approve the bylaws last year. Therefore, we must conduct business utilizing the previous bylaws. The Executive Committee would like to revise the bylaws for presentation to the Board and Superintendent in August. If anyone is interested in sitting on the committee, please let staff know. They will meet in July.

C. Brochure Revision

Staff was informed from County Schools that there were additional unspent funds in the Council budget. It was discussed and decided at the Executive Committee meeting to have Lesley Gleason revise the Council brochure with the new logo. She was able to provide us with samples. Members agreed on a brochure with children on the cover. Additionally they requested that the color of the brochure be changed to blue/green. The brochures will be printed by the end of June.

D. Staff Schedule

Staff has request to work a 35-hour week schedule. A letter outlining the request was in council member packets. Members wanted to know if Planning Council Coordinator position was considered exempt. Lois Sheffield indicated that it was. The Council would like to ensure that if staff leaves her position then they are able to rehire at 40-hours. They would also like to know what the process will be if staff requests to resume a 40-hour week schedule. Finally, it was requested by members that an annual review be done to ensure that everything is going well. Although members present at the meeting were in agreement with the proposed schedule, due to the lack of a quorum this item was not voted on and will be presented at the August meeting for final approval.

E. Proposed Budget 2003/2004

The budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year is due to the State on September 20, 2003. A copy of the current year's budget was included in member packets. Some suggestions from the Executive Committee for next years budget include:

i. Retreat

It was suggested that the Council hold a retreat in September of 2003. Members would like to have a facilitator that has worked with other Local Planning Councils.

ii. Marketing

Another suggestion was to hire a marketing consultant to assist the Council in getting the word out about their activities and accomplishments.

iii. Other

The Quality Development subcommittee requested \$700 as a deposit for the Convention Center for the 2004 summit and \$525 to purchase United Way resource binders for Council members.

The Executive Committee will prepare a budget to be presented at the August meeting as an action item.

VI. Nominating Committee

A. Slate of Officers

The slate of officers presented at the May meeting is, Pam Pulford/Chair (2nd year), Rose Crow/Vice Chair, and Erma Montion/Secretary. Due to the lack of a quorum, the slate will be voted on at the August meeting.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Marketing

i. Website Revision Approval

Staff gave a presentation of the council's website which is now live. The site address is tularecountykids.org. Due to the lack of a quorum, this item will be on the August agenda for final approval. It was suggested that the site be registered with various search engines. Staff will talk to Lorena White about this.

B. Quality Development

i. Quality Child Care Vision

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Quality Child Care Vision will be included as an action item at the August meeting. The statement being presented for approval is, "Quality child care in Tulare County provides a safe, stimulating, and nurturing environment with warm, loving, and culturally responsive caregivers who are trained in child development. Child care homes and centers are respectful of children's cultural and

ethnic heritages and provide age appropriate materials that allow for children to mentally, emotionally, culturally, and physically thrive.”

At the last meeting, the Quality Development committee focused on training for the next fiscal year. They also decided on a date of September 11, 2004 for the next Summit and will be working in collaboration with California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC). Karen Cardell, current President, gave an overview of CAEYC. The theme for the 2004 Summit will be, Building Bridges.

VIII. First 5 Update

Senaida Garcia announced that three proposals have been approved for continued funding. Those funded are Early Childhood Success, Radio Bilingual and Resource and Referral.

IX. Staff Report

A. New Members

Staff indicated that the following members have chosen not to reapply to the Council for an additional term; Debbie Castro, Laurel Eckert, Celeste Rodriguez, and Ramon Sanchez. Pam Pulford, Chair, thanked the members for the time and hard work they have put into accomplishing the Council activities. There will now be one Consumer vacancy for the Board of Supervisors, two Public Agency vacancies for the Superintendent, two Community vacancies for the Superintendent and one Consumer vacancy for the Superintendent. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please let staff know and an application can be sent out to them.

X. Announcements

Tim Foster announced the opening of the new YMCA Preschool located adjacent to Health and Human Services Agency on Mooney Boulevard. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on August 19th and the opening of the preschool will be on September 8th. There will be 80 slots, with 7 infant slots.

Alma Potter would like to have more information regarding First 5 presented at the Council meetings and suggested having the minutes put into member packets each month.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Planning Council meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2003, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Doe Ave/Aspen Room.