

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting  
Thursday, April 8, 2004  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: Ray Chavez, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Tina Shirley (staff), Valerie Simonich, Stan Stine, and Mary Thomas.

Absent: Donna Bailey, Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Tim Foster, John Hobbs, Laura McLean, Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Isidro Silva Jr., Prudy Tanner, and Mary Wright.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Pam Pulford, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Valerie Simonich was introduced as the newest member of the Council. It was also announced that Diane Hilliard has resigned from the Council.

II. Council Training

Faye Johnson, Tulare County Office of Education Instructional Consultant, provided training on “No Child Left Behind”.

III. Approval of Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Council was unable to approve the minutes.

IV. Public Comments

There were no public comments made.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Update on Needs Assessment

The Executive Committee met with Fawn McLaughlin during their last meeting. The committee provided Ms. McLaughlin with some suggestions of items to add to the assessment. Staff is currently working with Ms. McLaughlin to gather the needed data for the assessment.

B. Strategic Plan Approval

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Council was unable to approve the plan.

VI. Subcommittees

A. Quality Development

The Quality Development committee has not yet met for the month of April; therefore there was no report.

B. Action Teams

Staff reviewed those that signed up for an action team at the retreat. Staff will be sending out emails for teams to get together. If you are not on an action team/committee, please let staff know which one you are interested in.

i. Increased Awareness of the Council and It's Work

Ray Chavez, Joe Engelbrecht, Sharon Heberling, John Hobbs, and Edwyn Ortiz-Nance.

ii. Facilitate Access to Child Care Services

Pam Pulford, Lois Sheffield, and Stan Stine.

iii. Develop Advocacy Approach

Karen Cardell, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, and Lois Sheffield.

iv. Maintain a Strong Involved Council

Karen Cardell, Rose Crow, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Alma Potter, Lois Sheffield, Mary Thomas, and Mary Wright.

VII. First 5 Update

Ray Chavez, First 5 Commissioner and Council member, gave an update on the activities of the First 5 Commission. The Commission voted at their last meeting on which proposals would receive continued funding for the next year. Not all proposals were refunded. At the April 15, 2004 Commission meeting, Commissioners will determine if any additional proposals will be refunded. Additionally, a RFP was recently released for submission of new proposals. The deadline is early May and those approved will begin operation July 1, 2004.

VIII. Staff Report

A. AB 212

Staff stated that the AB 212 amended contract has not yet been received.

B. Week of the Young Child

The Council will allocate \$400 to WOTYC events to cover costs of supplies. Additionally, Council brochures and marketing items will be distributed at the event.

C. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Conference

The conference was held on April 3, 2004 and was well attended. Thanks to Rose Crow, Sharon Heberling, and Mary Wright for their assistance with the Council booth.

D. Other

The 2003 California Child Care Portfolio published by the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network was distributed.

IX. Announcements

There were no announcements.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2004 and will be held in Dinuba, CA.