

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2004
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Exeter Boys & Girls Club

Minutes

Present: Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Tim Foster, Ray Chavez, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Alma Potter, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Valerie Simonich, and Mary Wright.

Absent: Donna Bailey, Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, John Hobbs, Laura McLean, Pam Pulford, Isidro Silva Jr., Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, and Mary Thomas.

I. Welcome and Introductions

In Pam Pulford's absence, Rose Crow, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. Council Training

Jim Moore, School Readiness Coordinator with First 5 Tulare County, provided training on the School Readiness project. First 5 Tulare County has allocated approximately \$837,000 to 16 schools within Tulare County for school readiness programs. The funding is matched with State First 5 dollars and the schools must address five essential elements in their programs. Those elements include; early care and education, health and social services, parents, schools ability/capacity, and evaluation. The funds were allocated on a non-competitive basis based on the birth rate and academic index. Jim provided the Council with an overview of the project and the different programs that are being implemented in the schools.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March

Alma Potter made a motion to approve the March minutes as written. Mary Wright seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. April

Tim Foster made a motion to approve the April minutes as written. Joe Engelbrecht seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. Public Comments

Argelia Flores, First 5 Tulare County Outreach Coordinator, informed the Council that the Parent Express newsletters put out by the UC Davis Extension are now combined into a booklet and will be disbursed with the new parent kits. The booklets are in both English and Spanish. Staff will work with Argelia to get copies for the Council members.

Argelia also thanked those Council members that have been distributing the kits and requested that anyone with success stories to please contact her.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Strategic Plan Approval

Ray Chavez made a motion to approve the plan as presented. Tim Foster seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Priorities

Rose Crow announced that the Executive Committee decided that the priorities will remain the same for this fiscal year and will be forwarded to the State as such. A sheet listing the priorities and zip codes was included in member packets. It was also decided that the priorities would be revised next year once the revised needs assessment has been completed.

VI. Subcommittees

A. Nominating Committee

A nominating committee for the new Executive Committee was selected. The members are: Sharon Heberling, Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, Alma Potter, and Carolyn Rose. Carolyn Rose will serve as the Chair of the committee.

B. Quality Development

Lois Sheffield gave an update on the activities of the Quality Development committee. The next summit is planned for September or October of 2005 and the proposed keynote is Nancy Thomas. Ms. Thomas speaks on attachment and reactive attachment disorders. Staff will be contacting her to get more details.

C. Action Teams

Action Teams met to set up meeting dates and times.

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

The meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2004 at 4PM at Synchrony. Joe Engelbrecht, John Hobbs, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Sharon Heberling, and Ray Chavez are all on this team.

ii. Facilitate Access to Child Care Services

Lois Sheffield will check with others on the team and email members about a date. Lois Sheffield, Stan Stine, Pam Pulford, and Tim Foster are all on this team.

iii. Develop Advocacy Approach

The meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2004 at 4PM in the Resource & Referral conference room. Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Sharon Heberling, Karen Cardell, and Lois Sheffield are all on this team.

iv. Maintain a Strong Involved Council

The meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2004 at 9:30 AM at the HHSA office. Rose Crow, Sharon Heberling, Marilyn Giese, Karen Cardell, Lois Sheffield, Alma Potter, Mary Thomas, and Valerie Simonich are all on this team.

VII. First 5 Update

Ray Chavez, Council member and First 5 Commissioner, gave an update on the activities of the First 5 Tulare County Commission. Ray stated that the Commission would be discussing the Health Initiative at their May 26th meeting. The Commission is interested in finding a solution to providing health insurance to older children as

well as those 0-5. Brooke Frost has been hired as the new Health Coordinator and will be moving forward with the RFP process.

Ray has announced that the Commission is in the process of developing a policies and procedures manual. Finally, Ray stated that the applications for the recently released RFP's might be discussed at the May 26th meeting.

VIII. Staff Report

A. AB 212

Staff gave an update of the activities of the AB 212 project. The amended contract with the additional funds was received and stipends were awarded to those that submitted an application in September and qualified, but did not receive a stipend due to lack of funds. A total of 86 stipends were awarded for a total dollar amount of \$40,800.

B. SB 1703

Staff announced that Tracy Martinez was hired as the Program Supervisor for the SB 1703 project. Tracy was previously working as a Project Specialist on the First 5 project in the R&R library. Tracy will be attending the Council meetings.

C. Other

Staff stated that the Resource & Referral "Building Blocks" newsletter was included in member packets.

IX. Announcements

Tim Foster announced that the Pathfinder school/preschool is currently up for sale. It is a great site for anyone interested.

X. Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2004 in the Aspen room at Doe Avenue.