

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting  
Thursday, August 12, 2004  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Aspen Room

MINUTES

Present: Ray Chavez, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Marilyn Giese, Erma Montion, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Valerie Simonich, Stan Stine, and Mary Thomas.

Absent: Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Sharon Heberling, John Hobbs, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, Carolyn Rose, Isidro Silva Jr., Prudy Tanner, Beth Wilshire, and Mary Wright.

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Council Training

Staff conducted an overview of various child care programs available in the county. Staff will utilize this presentation when doing new member orientations. It was suggested that the following programs be added to the presentation:

- Great Expectations
- CalSAFE
- First 5 School Readiness

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of June Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the June minutes were not approved.

V. Nominating Committee

Due to the lack of a quorum, the slate of officers was not voted on.

VI. Executive Committee Report

A. Council Meeting Schedule

Rose Crow reported that the Maintain a Strong Involved Council action team researched the proposal to meet bimonthly. Members of the team agreed to support changing the Council meeting schedule to bimonthly for on fiscal

year beginning July 1, 2004. However, due to the lack of a quorum, this item was not voted on.

## VII. Quality Development

### A. Quality Summit

Rose Crow reported that the Quality Development committee is planning a summit for October 1, 2005. The proposed keynote speaker is Nancy Thomas and the proposed theme is "Weathering the Pressures in Children's Lives". The total cost of the summit would be approximately \$55,000. It was discussed that this date may conflict with the Tulare County Office of Education/Child Care Educational Program's fall workshop. It was suggested that the two events be combined. Staff will discuss this further with Ray Chavez and Donna Orozco.

Due to the lack of a quorum, this item was not voted on.

## VIII. LINC Conference

Alma Potter, Pam Pulford, and Stan Stine attended the LINC Conference in San Francisco. Stan gave a report on the information discussed at the conference. Two handouts that were distributed at the conference were included in member packets.

## IX. State Budget

Lois Sheffield conducted an overview of the approved State budget and the child care recommendations from the California Performance Review. Included in member packets were handouts on both.

## X. First 5 Update

Ray Chavez gave an update on the activities of the First 5 Commission. The following information was presented:

- The outreach committee is trying to determine how many families are out there that do not have healthcare. They are also looking into possible ways of providing healthcare to siblings of children 0-5 up to 19 years old. An RFP will be released for the potential service provider.
- First 5 Tulare County is no longer contracting with the Center for Applied Research for evaluation information. The commission is in the process of looking for a new evaluator.

XI. Staff Report

A. AB 212

Staff announced that the AB 212 subcommittee met and decided to distribute a survey to all stipend recipients for the last fiscal year. The purpose of the survey is to determine how the stipend has been an incentive to retain child care staff and whether or not stipend recipients are pursuing their education and obtaining child development permits. The subcommittee believes this will assist in determining how stipends would be awarded in the next round.

B. SB 1703

Staff announced that the SB 1703 project is going very well. Tracy Martinez is doing an excellent job. Consultations are being conducted, provider support groups are being held, and disability kits are being distributed.

C. Other

Staff announced that the CDPI Fall Public Policy Forum is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> (3-8 PM) and October 5<sup>th</sup> (8-4 PM) at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. Anyone interested in attending should let staff know by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

XII. Announcements

Ray Chavez announced that the California Department of Education has decided it is too difficult to send teams out to do school readiness trainings, so they have developed regions. Shirley Baltazar is the Coordinator for the Tulare County region. She is based out of Merced county.

XIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2004 in the Aspen room, Doe Ave.