

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, December 9, 2004
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: Karen Cardell, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, John Hobbs, Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Pam Pulford, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Isidro Silva Jr., and Valerie Simonich.

Absent: Barbara Bozarth, Ray Chavez, Marilyn Giese, Sharon Heberling, Alma Potter, Stan Stine, Prudy Tanner, Mary Thomas, and Mary Wright.

Guests: Jennifer Chan, Debbie Lagomarsino, Cindy Myers, and Donna Orazco.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rose Crow, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. Council Training

Debbie Lagomarsino provided training on the Tulare County Read for Life program and an event that is scheduled for April 2005. During the week of April 4, 2005 several activities are planned to celebrate reading. There will be events at the mall and Dr. Bruce Perry is scheduled to speak on April 5, 2005 at the Fox Theatre. The fee for having a booth at the mall is \$75 and a full sponsorship is \$1,000.

The Read for Life events in April coincide with the Week of the Young Child.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of September and October Minutes

Lois Sheffield made a motion to accept the September and October minutes as presented. Erma Montion seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Budget

Members were presented with and reviewed a revised 2004/2005 Council budget. The budget was revised due to a COLA that was received from the State. The additional funds were placed in the Council activities line item. The Council has a separate line item for Week of the Young Child support. It was discussed that the Read for Life event with Dr. Perry will take place during the Week of the Young Child in April. It was suggested that the amount be increased and moved into Council activities. Carolyn Rose made a motion to move the \$640 from the Week of the Young Child support line item to the Council Activities line item and allocate \$1,000 to the Read for Life event scheduled for April 2005.

B. Needs Assessment

Lois Sheffield and Carolyn Rose expressed some concern with some of the items in the Needs Assessment. Due to the concerns it was suggested that an ad hoc committee be developed to review the concerns with the consultant and make any necessary revisions. John Hobbs made a motion to table the item until the February 2005 meeting. Valerie Simonich seconded the motion. The motion was carried. John Hobbs made a motion to create an ad hoc committee to revisit the needs assessment. Pam Pulford seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. NAEYC Conference Report

Mary Wright attended the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference and Expo in Anaheim, CA. However, Mary was unavailable to give a report.

VII. Subcommittees

There were no subcommittee reports.

VIII. First 5 Update

Pam Pulford announced that the First 5 Provider mini grant application has been released. Licensed or unlicensed providers may apply for up to \$2,500 for their program. The application may be downloaded on the First 5 web site.

John Hobbs announced that Debbie Wise has left First 5 and Janet Hogan is the Interim Executive Director. He also announced that Irene Morse, Fiscal Manager, is set to retire shortly and Argelia Flores has taken a new position at United Way.

IX. Resource & Referral Update

Lois Sheffield gave an update on the activities of the Resource & Referral program. Workshops are on hold until March due to the bad weather. The Child Care Conference is scheduled for April 2nd and has a “fun” theme.

X. Staff Report

A. AB 212

Staff announced that the AB 212 applications were released and the deadline was December 3, 2004. The applications are currently being input into the database. Staff informed the group that there were several concerns with the applications. Staff will send out an email to the subcommittee to meet so they can make decisions on the eligibility of some of the applicants.

Staff also announced that the Tulare County Office of Education/Child Care Educational Program – Center Supervisors have expressed concern because they are not eligible to receive a stipend. Staff spoke at the Center Supervisors meeting and explained the guidelines of AB 212 and the rationale for funding the teachers and aides in the classroom. The Supervisors had discussed attending the meeting to express their concern, but were unable to make it.

B. SB 1703

Staff informed members that the SB 1703 funding ends June 30, 2005. Enclosed in member packets was a handout with a sample letter to the legislature supporting continued funding of the project. Staff also informed the group that Ray Chavez, Administrator, has approved seeking funding from Tulare County First 5-special projects to continue some of the activities of SB 1703.

C. CDPI Leadership Day

The Child Development Policy Institute Child Care and Development State Budget Policy Workshops are scheduled for January 2005. Rose Crow and Prudy Tanner plan on attending the January 27th workshop and Pam Pulford plans on attending the January 20th workshop. Any others interested in attending should contact staff.

D. CAEYC Conference

The California Association for the Education of Young Children 2005 Conference and Exhibition is scheduled for March 4-6, 2005. Those interested in attending on behalf of the Council should contact staff to make arrangements.

E. California Working Families Policy Summit 2005

The Policy Summit is scheduled for January 7, 2005. John Hobbs expressed an interest in attending. Any other interested in attending on behalf of the Council should contact staff.

F. Other

No other items were reported.

XI. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XII. Next Meeting

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2005.