

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2005
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, Aspen Room

Minutes

Present: Rose Crow, Ray Chavez, Marilyn Giese, Pam Pulford, Carolyn Rose, Tina Shirley (staff), Isidro Silva Jr., Stan Stine, Mary Wright, and Valerie Simonich.

Absent: Barbara Bozarth, Karen Cardell, Joe Engelbrecht, Sharon Heberling, John Hobbs, Erma Montion, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Lois Sheffield, Prudy Tanner, and Mary Thomas.

Guests: Brooke Frost and Stephanie Pires.

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

II. Council Training

Wendy Wayne, Lead Consultant, conducted training on Preschool for All (PFA). She explained what PFA is, discussed the current language of the ballot initiative, and answered Council member questions.

III. Public Comments

Stephanie Pires, Special Education Lead, distributed a handout on the California Statewide System of Preschool Instructional Networks (CPIN). Shirley Baltazar is the coordinator for Region 7. Staff will work with Ms. Baltazar to provide training to the Council on the CPIN.

Brooke Frost, First 5 Tulare County, updated the Council on the Children's Health Initiative. The program is set to launch in the fall and there are over 1,500 individuals interested. Unfortunately, there are only enough funds to assist 1,050. First 5 TC has hired a Fund Development Consultant to assist with this issue and raise funds to serve kids six to 18.

IV. Approval of December and February Minutes

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

V. Executive Committee Report

A. Priorities

Rose Crow announced that the Executive Committee recommends submitting the priorities from last year. Due to the lack of quorum, this item was not voted on. Since the priorities are due to the State in May, staff will submit the priorities from last year and the Council will take action at the June meeting.

B. Meeting Schedule

Due to the lack of quorum, this item was discussion only. Rose Crow stated that it is the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the Council continue to meet on a bimonthly basis with subcommittee meetings also on a bimonthly basis. This item will be on the June agenda for action.

C. Alternates

Rose Crow announced that the Executive Committee has discussed the possibility of having alternates to assist with the quorum issue. Staff stated that many counties use alternates and have success in reaching a quorum. Pam Pulford suggested having Agencies rather than individuals appointed to the Council. Members discussed this suggestion and the use of alternates. It was decided that the Executive Committee should further discuss this and present it to the Council at the next meeting for action.

D. Nominating Committee

One member from each category was chosen to serve on the Nominating Committee. Those chosen were Karen Cardell, Joe Engelbrecht, Carolyn Rose, Isidro Silva Jr., and Mary Wright. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers at the next Council meeting.

VI. Subcommittees

A. Reports and Discussion

Minutes from the March 10, 2005 subcommittee meetings were included in member packets. This will be discussed at the June meeting. The goal for that meeting will be to identify what the most effective subcommittees would be and what the goals of the Council should be.

VII. CAEYC Conference Report

No report was given.

VIII. First 5 Update

Ray Chavez announced that Janet Hogan was selected as the new Executive director. Two additional new employees are Mary Xavier and Sara Lorah. It was also announced that UCLA was awarded the bid to conduct evaluation on the First 5 Tulare County programs.

IX. Staff Report

A. Membership Renewals

Staff announced that several members are up for renewal. Pam Pulford, and Erma Montion have decided not to renew their memberships. However, Pam agreed to remain on the Council until another member is found to replace her.

B. Other

No other items were reported.

X. Announcements

Isidro Silva Jr. announced that the Strathmore Healthy Start would offer Spanish parenting classes with a possibility of them becoming bilingual. Those interested should contact Isidro.

XI. Next Meeting

The next Tulare County Child Care Planning meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2005 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM in the Resource & Referral conference room.