

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 9, 2005  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Doe Avenue, R&R Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Karen Cardell, Ray Chavez, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Tracy Martinez, Erma Montion, Pam Pulford, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Valerie Simonich, and Prudy Tanner.

Absent: Barbara Bozarth (Leave of Absence), Sharon Heberling, John Hobbs, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Isidro Silva Jr., Stan Stine, Mary Thomas, and Mary Wright.

Guests: Shirley Baltazar, Brooke Frost, Stephanie Price, and Rose Rubio.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Rose Crow, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. A special welcome was given to the newest member Tracy Martinez. Ms. Martinez is a Disabilities Specialist with the Tulare County Office of Education/Child Care Educational Program.

II. Council Training

Shirley Baltazar, Region 7 Coordinator, will provide training on the California Statewide System of Preschool Instructional Networks. Several handouts were distributed and members broke up into small groups and answered discussion questions. Ms. Baltazar will add the Council members to her mailing list to ensure they receive timely information.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Approval of December, February, and April Minutes

Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Pam Pulford seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## V. Executive Committee Report

### A. Priorities

Rose Crow announced that due to the lack of a quorum in previous months and to ensure they were submitted by the deadline, the 2005 priorities were sent to the State without official Council approval. The priorities that were submitted were unchanged from last year.

Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the priorities as submitted. Valerie Simonich seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

### B. Meeting Schedule

Rose Crow stated that it is the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Council continue to meet on a bimonthly basis with subcommittee meetings on the off months. Lois Sheffield expressed concern that the bimonthly meetings did not seem to be helping the quorum issue and it did not appear that the subcommittees were meeting on the off months. Joe Engelbrecht agreed that the quorum issue hasn't been resolved, but the Executive committee has a potential solution. He stated that the bimonthly meetings would be more about convenience for members rather than helping with the quorum. He also stated that some of the subcommittees had been meeting. Rose Crow stated that she would like to see more participation in the subcommittee meetings and that would need to be encouraged.

After some discussion the consensus was that the Council did not need to meet monthly and any issues that arose during an off month could be addressed through a special meeting.

Karen Cardell made a motion that the Council meets every other month and the subcommittees meet as needed. Erma Montion seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

### C. Alternates

Joe Engelbrecht announced that the Executive Committee is proposing utilizing alternates to address the quorum issue. The proposed bylaws changes were included in member packets and reviewed by those present.

Lois Sheffield indicated that the use of alternates might be a good idea, however, she suggested that the draft language be reviewed by County Counsel prior to any action being taken. Mr. Engelbrecht agreed and stated that was the intention of the Executive Committee. Carolyn Rose expressed concern as to whether or not it is a good idea to use two alternates. Members discussed the fact that an alternate would not be allowed to attend in place of a member on more than two occasions total.

After some discussion it was agreed that the use of alternates would be reviewed with County Counsel and presented at the August meeting for action.

VI. Nominating Committee

Joe Engelbrecht proposed the following as the slate of officers for the Executive Committee:

Chair	Rose Crow
Vice Chair	Joe Engelbrecht
Secretary	Valerie Simonich

In addition Pam Pulford has agreed to serve as an additional member from the Board of Supervisors appointees and Isidro Silva Jr. has agreed to serve as an additional member from the Superintendent of Schools appointees.

The Council will vote on the slate at the August 2005 meeting.

VII. CAEYC Conference Report

Karen Cardell gave a report on the CAEYC Conference, which she attended on behalf of the Council. Ms. Cardell stated that she always enjoys the CAEYC conference and believes it is one of the better ones out there.

VIII. Council Purpose, Goals and Objectives

This item was postponed until the August 2005 meeting.

IX. First 5 Update

Ray Chavez announced that at the last Commission meeting it was announced that current providers would receive a contract for an additional year. Contracts would also be adjusted so that all providers are on the same fiscal year.

It was also announced that UCLA was awarded the contract for evaluation of First 5 Tulare County. An assessment was developed from the providers' point of view and Mr. Chavez assured the Council that they would all receive copies.

Brooke Frost announced that First 5 TC would be moving in July to Demaree and Caldwell across from Home Depot. The move is due to an increase in program size.

X. Staff Report

A. AB 212

Staff announced that the AB 212 stipends were finally disbursed. There are remaining funds to be disbursed prior to June 30, 2006, however, not enough to fund everyone at the same level. Staff is attempting to get the AB 212 Committee together to further discuss this.

B. SB 1703

The SB 1703 project ends June 30, 2005. There will be a provider recognition event on June 27, 2005 from 6-8PM.

C. Other

Members were asked to complete the membership agreement and leave it for staff. Additionally the May/June Resource & Referral newsletter was included in the packets.

XI. Announcements

There were no announcements.

XII. Next Meeting

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2005 in the Resource and Referral conference room.