

TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES

Thursday, June 8, 2006 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia  
Resource & Referral Conference Room

Members Present: Rosemary Caso, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Cynthia Garcia, Janet Hogan, Tracy Martinez, Deana McCoy, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Pam Pulford, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Valerie Simonich, Stan Stine, Mary Thomas, and Vicki Wright.

Members Absent: Karen Cardell, Ray Chavez, Brandi Clark, and Nancy Driver.

Guest: Stephanie Pires

Staff: Tina Shirley

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome

Rose Crow, Chair, opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

B. Introductions

Members introduced themselves. Rosemary Caso was introduced as the newest member of the Council. She was appointed to a Discretionary slot by the Board of Supervisors.

II. COUNCIL TRAINING

Lois Sheffield gave an update and distributed a handout on the May revise. Members had a discussion on the outcome of Proposition 82 and what may take place in the future.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Pires with CPIN brought material to share with Council members. If members are interested in receiving a copy of the Literature book that was distributed then they may call Stephanie. CPIN has been participating in vocabulary forums and various workshops. Stephanie conducted a workshop at the R&R Child Care Conference and stated she was very impressed with the conference overall. She stated that this past year approximately 1, 700 people were trained by CPIN and they are getting ready to do their strategic planning for the next year.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. April Minutes

Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lois Sheffield seconded the motion. Cynthia Garcia abstained. The motion was carried.

B. Election of Officers

The following slate of officers was presented:

- Chair – Joe Engelbrecht
- Vice Chair - Cynthia Garcia
- Secretary - Valerie Simonich

Carolyn Rose made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Stan Stine seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

C. Retreat

Members discussed the possibility of having a retreat during the 2006/2007 fiscal year. The last retreat was held a couple of years ago at the “Friends Meeting House” and facilitated by Dr. Jackie Ryle.

Joe Engelbrecht made a motion to hold a retreat on September 14, 2006. Lois Sheffield seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Staff will work with the Executive Committee to finalize the details. It was suggested that the retreat be held at the same place from 9:30 – 3:30 and Dr. Jackie Ryle be used as a facilitator.

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Executive Committee

i. Membership Update

An updated membership chart was included in member packets. Rosemary Caso is the newest member on the Council and Prudy Tanner is no longer a member. There are four Board of Supervisors vacancies and one Superintendent of Schools vacancy.

ii. Priorities

The approved priorities were included in member packets.

B. Workgroups

i. Collaboration Workgroup

The Collaboration workgroup met just prior to the Council meeting.

Council members were clustered into groups for presentations. Below are the clusters:

Group 1 - Tulare County Office of Education Child Care Educational Program and Cutler Orosi Unified School District (Lois Sheffield, Pam Pulford, Ray Chavez, Tracy Martinez, and Cynthia Garcia)

Group 2 – Red Cross of Tulare County, CSET, Human Resource issues (Brandi Clark, Carolyn Rose, and Rose Crow)

Group 3 – Central Valley Christian Preschool, COS Child Development Center, Kaweah Kids Center (Deana McCoy, Vicki Wright, and Nancy Driver)

Group 4 – Synchrony, San Juan Clinic, and Pacific Oaks College (Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Rose Rubio, and Karen Cardell)

Group 5 – YMCA and Boys & Girls Club (Rosemary Caso and Joe Engelbrecht)

Group 6 – County of Tulare and First 5 Tulare County (Stan Stine, Mary Thomas, Valerie Simonich, and Janet Hogan)

Presentations will take place as follows:

August = Group 1

October = Group 2

December = Group 3  
February = Group 4  
April = Group 5  
June = Group 6

ii. Public Awareness Workgroup

This workgroup has not met since the priorities were completed. They will be working on the needs assessment.

iii. Needs Assessment

The Needs Assessment Committee is scheduled to meet on June 16, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Manzanita room at Doe Avenue. All members are encouraged to attend.

C. CAEYC Conference Report

Karen Cardell and Rose Rubio attended the CAEYC conference on behalf of the Council; however neither was present at the meeting.

D. CDPI Workshop Report

Handouts from the CDPI workshop were included in member packets and Vicki Wright gave a summary of what was presented.

E. First 5 Tulare County

Janet Hogan gave an update on the activities of First 5 Tulare County. The First 5 statewide annual conference was held in May. Members on the Council that attended are Janet Hogan, Cynthia Garcia, and Ray Chavez. Janet stated that David Dickinson and Robert Ross were both speakers. Janet was especially impressed with Robert Ross. The two most important topics at the conference were revamping the evaluation scheme and Universal Preschool. Janet noted that several County superintendents were in attendance this year.

Janet also announced that First 5 Tulare County funded another planning grant for drug exposed infants. Imagine U Museum also received a partial grant for their relocation.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff announced that each member received the marketing items that were ordered. The Collaborative Leadership Institute will be holding an event where the items will be distributed.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2006

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Rose Crow, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.