

TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2007 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Resource & Referral Conference Room

Present: Rosemary Caso, Brandi Clark, Nancy Driver, Cynthia Garcia, Carolyn Rose, Rose Rubio, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), Valerie Simonich, and Vicki Wright.

Absent: Ray Chavez, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht, Janet Hogan, Tracy Martinez, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, and Mary Thomas.

Guest: Karen Hansen

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome Introductions

In the Chair's absence, Cynthia Garcia, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

B. Chairperson's Award

In the absence of the Chair, no award was given this month.

II. COUNCIL TRAINING

Victoria Wright, COS Child Development Center, and Nancy Driver, Kaweah Kids, conducted training on the programs they work for and the duties of their positions.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Hansen announced that she is replacing Stan Stine as the CalWORKs Program Manager at HHSA.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. February Minutes

Valerie Simonich made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vicki Wright seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Priorities

Cynthia Garcia stated that the Executive Committee is recommending that the same priorities that were submitted last year, but used again this year. Once the revised assessment is completed new priorities would be developed. Valerie Simonich made a motion to accept the recommendation and submit the priorities as presented. Rosemary Caso seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Executive Committee

i. Membership Update

It was announced that the Council currently has the following vacancies:

- Public Agency = 2
- Community = 2
- Consumer = 2
- Discretionary = 1
- Provider = 1

There were five applications that were received and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee for recommendation to the appointing bodies.

ii. Read for Life Event

Staff announced that the Read for Life event is schedule for April 21, 2007 at the Visalia Mall. A schedule of volunteers will be sent out the week prior to the event.

B. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

Chair	Joe Engelbrecht
Vice Chair	Cynthia Garcia
Secretary	Vicki Wright

The slate will be voted on at the June meeting.

C. Collaboration Committee

It was announced that the next Collaboration Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday May 4, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. at Alejandra's.

D. Needs Assessment Committee

i. Funding

A proposal for assistance funding the needs assessment was submitted to First 5 Tulare County. An answer should be received sometime in May.

E. AB 212 Report

Staff announced that letters had gone out to applicants working 60 + months. She is waiting for the amended contract from the State and will then send letters to the remaining applicants. Once the amendment is received all qualified applicants should receive a stipend.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

No First 5 update was given

B. Child Care Conference

Lois announced that the 19th annual Child Care Conference was held on April 14, 2007. The conference was well attended with over 575 participants. The keynote speaker was Jerry Tello and he also presented four workshops.

C. Other Council Activities

Karen Cardell announced that the Pacific Oaks graduation ceremony will be held on May 19, 2007 at 4:05 p.m. in Pasadena. She also stated that a number of individuals from Tulare County are graduating.

Brandi Clark announced that she is no longer at the Red Cross.

Cynthia Garcia announced that the Family Ed Center is having an open house next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The next Tulare County Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2007 in the Resource & Referral Conference Room

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.