

**TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Minutes**

Thursday, August 9, 2007 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia  
Resource & Referral Conference Room

- Present: Sherri Casella-Newsom, Ray Chavez, Brandi Clark, Nancy Driver, Cynthia Garcia, Karen Hansen, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Tracy Martinez, Leslie Neese, Carolyn Rose, Tina Shirley (staff) and Tina Watson.
- Absent: Karen Ball, Karen Cardell, Rosemary Caso, Rose Crow, Joe Engelbrecht (Chair), Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Lois Sheffield, Valerie Simonich, Mary Thomas, and Vicki Wright.
- Guests: Janet Hale and Karen Osborn.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Welcome Introductions

In the Chair's absence, Cynthia Garcia, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the new members.

B. Chairperson's Award

Due to the Chair's absence, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

**II. COUNCIL TRAINING**

Karen Osborn, CEL Coordinator, gave an update on the Centralized Eligibility List Program. Brochures and a status report were distributed to Council members and guests. Karen announced that Tulare County has the third largest CEL in the state. The program is advertising via the radio, newspaper, buses and will utilize a billboard.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Janet Hale introduced herself and stated that she is a former co-owner of the Gingerbread House and is currently working part-time at Porterville College and College of the Sequoias.

**IV. ACTION ITEMS**

A. June Minutes

Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Janet Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. 2007/2008 Budget

Staff stated that she is waiting for the business office to adjust the Council budget with the correct salaries, benefits, and indirect costs. The other line items are recommendations from the Executive Committee. Members reviewed the draft budget. Janet Hogan made a motion to accept the draft budget as presented and defer final approval to the Executive Committee once the specified items have been adjusted. Carolyn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

C. Council Meeting Time

Cynthia Garcia announced that it is the Executive Committees recommendation that the Council meet bimonthly the second Thursday of the month from 4:00 p.m. and subcommittees meet immediately preceding the Council meetings from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Carolyn Rose made a motion to approve the Executive Committees recommendation for the Council meeting time change. Nancy Driver seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

## V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

### A. Executive Committee

#### i. Membership Update

A new membership chart was enclosed in the packets. There are currently four vacancies. Staff stated that several applications have been received and will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

#### ii. Retreat

Members discussed the logistics for the Council retreat. It was suggested that the retreat be held at St. Anthony's retreat, on December 14, 2007 and that it be facilitated by Dr. Jackie Ryle. The details of the retreat will be finalized by the Executive Committee.

#### iii. Summit

The possibility of another summit was discussed by those present. It was decided that it would be beneficial to host another summit and discussion took place regarding the topic. One suggestion was to do something regarding gangs and how early childhood experiences relate to preventing gang involvement later in life.

It was decided that an ad hoc committee would be developed to further discuss and/or plan the summit.

### B. Committee Assignments and Reports

#### i. Collaboration Committee

The following Council members chose to serve on the Collaboration Committee:

- Nancy Driver
- Ray Chavez
- Vicki Wright
- Janet Hogan
- Edwyn Ortiz-Nance

#### ii. Needs Assessment Committee

The following Council members chose to serve on the Needs Assessment Committee:

- Karen Hansen
- Tracy Martinez
- Tina Watson
- Cynthia Garcia
- Lois Sheffield
- Joe Engelbrecht
- Valerie Simonich

#### iii. Other

An ad hoc committee was developed to work on planning a summit. The following Council members chose to serve on the committee:

- Rita Jahnke
- Carolyn Rose
- Brandi Clark
- Sherri Casella-Newsom
- Cynthia Garcia
- Leslie Neese
- Tina Watson

By default, due to conflict of interest issues, the following Council members shall serve on the AB 212 Committee:

- Carolyn Rose
- Brandi Clark
- Karen Hansen
- Sherri Casella-Newsom
- Janet Hogan
- Joe Engelbrecht
- Mary Thomas

C. AB 212 Report

i. Stipend Disbursement

All stipends have been dispersed and appeals reviewed.

ii. Additional Funding Plan

The plan for the AB 212 one time only funds was sent to the State. Staff is currently awaiting approval of the plan prior to implementation.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. First 5

Janet Hogan gave an update on the activities of First 5 Tulare County.

B. CDPI Fall Forum

The CDPI Fall Forum is scheduled for October 2007. Staff sent out an email and received one interested response. Not everyone on the Council received the information. Staff will resend the email and make arrangements for those interested in attending.

C. Other Council Activities

Brandi Clark announced that she is now working for Central Valley Training Center, Inc. (CVTC). She distributed brochures and her business card and provided a brief overview of the services CVTC offers.

It was announced that Carolyn Rose received the Woman of the Year award and congratulations were offered.

**VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

- A. The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2007 in the Resource & Referral Conference Room.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.