

**TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 14, 2008 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Resource & Referral Training Room

Present: Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Brandi Clark, Cynthia Garcia, Mike Gibson, Janet Hogan, Tracy Martinez, Leslie Neese, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Lenor Roman, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley, Mary Thomas, and Tina Watson.

Absent: Sherri Casella, Ray Chavez, Nancy Driver, Joe Engelbrecht, Karen Hansen, Rita Jahnke, and Vicki Wright.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome Introductions

Cynthia Garcia, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

B. Chairperson's Award

Due to the Chairs absence this item was tabled until the next meeting.

II. COUNCIL TRAINING

No training scheduled this month.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Executive Committee

i. Membership Update

A revised membership chart was included in member packets. The Council currently has one Board of Supervisors Discretionary representative vacancy.

ii. New Member Orientation

A new member orientation is scheduled for February 28, 2008 2:00 p.m. in the R&R training room. Staff will send out an email.

B. Collaboration Committee

There was no report from the Collaboration Committee.

C. Summit Committee

Staff, along with Debbie Castro, reported on the activities of the Summit Committee. The Committee requested guidance from the Council on the direction of the Summit. After some discussion it was agreed that the focus of the Summit should be special needs and in particular Autism. The next Summit meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2008 at 3:45 p.m.

D. Legislative Breakfast Committee

Rosemary Caso reported on the activities of the Legislative Breakfast Committee. The breakfast is tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2008 at the Ag Center in Tulare. The breakfast will last approximately one hour and a video will be shown along with a brief presentation on the needs assessment.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the R&R training room.

E. AB 212 Update

Staff gave an update on the AB 212 Staff retention program. The stipend letters were sent out last week. There were only enough funds to disburse stipends to those applicants that qualified and have not received an AB 212 stipend in the past and those that qualified and worked continuously for 100 months or longer.

F. Select Nominating Committee

The following were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee: Rita Jahnke, Janet Hogan, Lenor Roman, Lois Sheffield, and Debbie Castro.

G. Priorities Committee

Priorities are due to the State by May 30, 2008. It was discussed and agreed that the Needs Assessment Committee would continue to meet and work on the priorities.

H. Needs Assessment Committee

i. Review Revised Draft

The revised draft was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting and additional copies presented at the meeting for review.

ii. Develop Draft Recommendations

Members broke out into groups based on the following categories, infant/toddler, preschool, and school age. Each group drafted recommendations for their categories and reported back to the full Council. Staff will type up the recommendations and forward them to all members. The Needs Assessment Committee will review them at the next meeting and put them into the appropriate format.

The final draft of the assessment will be presented to the Council at the April meeting for approval.

I. Other

No other items were discussed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. October Minutes

Rosemary Caso made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Lois Sheffield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. April Council Meeting Date

It was announced that Joe Engelbrecht, Chair, has requested that the April meeting be postponed by one week as he will be unable to attend. Rosemary Caso made a motion to change the April meeting date from April 10, 2008 to April 17, 2008. Carolyn Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

Janet Hogan gave a report on the activities of the First 5 Commission.

B. Other Council Activities

No other activities were reported.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

A. April 17, 2008

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.