

**TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, April 17, 2008 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Resource & Referral Training Room

Public Hearing: A hearing will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. regarding the Council's recommended priorities for state-subsidized center-based funding. Cynthia Garcia, Vice Chair, presented the recommended priorities. There were no comments from the public.

Present: Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Cynthia Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Karen Hansen, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Tracy Martinez, Leslie Neese, Melissa Prado, Lenor Roman, Lois Sheffield, Tina Watson, and Vicki Wright.

Absent: Ray Chavez, Brandi Clark, Nancy Driver, Joe Engelbrecht, Mike Gibson, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Cara Peterson, Carolyn Rose, and Mary Thomas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome Introductions

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

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

It was announced that there is one Discretionary vacancy that is a Board of Supervisors appointee. The Executive Committee is currently reviewing applications.

ii. Membership Renewals

Several members are up for renewal. Staff sent out an email letting those members know. If you are interested in renewing your membership, please completed an updated application and forward it to staff.

iii. Bylaws Review

The Executive Committee would like to review the current bylaws and requested volunteers to assist with this. The following Council members volunteered; Janet Hogan, Debbie

Castro, Sherri Glenn, Lenor Roman, and Lois Sheffield. The Committee will meet sometime in the summer.

B. Nominating Committee

Rita Jahnke, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the following slate:

Chair - Cynthia Garcia
Vice Chair - Rosemary Caso
Secretary - Vicki Wright

As there were no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. The Council will vote on the slate at the next meeting.

C. Summit Committee

Tray Martinez, Summit Committee Chair, gave an update on the activities of the committee. Minutes from the last committee meeting were included in member packets. The next Summit Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the R&R Training Room.

D. Legislative Breakfast Committee

Rosemary Caso, Committee Chair, provided an update on the activities of the committee. The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for September 12, 2008 at the Visalia Convention Center from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Su Sa will be utilized as the caterer. Glenn Williams and Jared Torres will be working with the committee on a video to present at the breakfast.

E. AB 212 Update

Staff gave an update on the AB 212 program. The regular stipends have all been disbursed and that contract is nearly ready to close out for the year. The applications for the one time only contract stipends have been disbursed and are due on April 18th by 5:00 p.m. Staff will provide a summary of the stipends disbursed for both contracts at the next Council meeting.

It was also announced that there is a proposed 25.9% cut to the AB 212 contract for the next fiscal year. The AB 212 Committee will be meeting to develop the plan and make any necessary changes based on the proposed cuts.

F. Other

Staff announced that all the Council regular and committee meetings are now posted on the website. Staff will continue to send out email reminders.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. February Minutes

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rosemary Caso seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Needs Assessment

Cynthia Garcia presented the final draft of the needs assessment. Final changes were made to the table of contents and the community profiles. Cynthia stated that the Needs Assessment Committee would like to create a cover page that includes children from Tulare County and an acknowledgement page right after the cover page. Janet Hogan suggested that a picture of a pregnant mom also be included on the cover page.

Rosemary Caso made a motion to approve the presented assessment with the proposed addition of a cover page with pictures and an acknowledgement page. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. Janet Hogan abstained. The motion was carried.

The assessment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 13th, the Board of Education on May 14th, and the First 5 Tulare County Commission on June 26th.

C. Priorities

Cynthia Garcia presented the Needs Assessment Committee's recommended priorities. The priorities were based off of Table 28 of the needs assessment. The recommended priorities are for state preschool and general child care.

Tracy Martinez suggested that the committee continue to meet to thoroughly review and update the priorities for next year.

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the recommended priorities as presented. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. First 5
- B. Other Council Activities

Vicki Wright announced that Giant Open House is scheduled for April 26, 2008 at COS

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

- A. June 12, 2008 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.