

**TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 12, 2008 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia  
Resource & Referral Training Room

Present: Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Brandi Clark, Joe Engelbrecht, Cynthia Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Lenor Roman, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), and Mary Thomas.

Absent: Ray Chavez, Nancy Driver, Mike Gibson, Karen Hansen, Tracy Martinez, Leslie Neese, Edwyn Ortiz-Nance, Carolyn Rose, Tina Watson, and Vicki Wright.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Welcome Introductions

Joe Engelbrecht, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**II. COUNCIL TRAINING**

There was no training scheduled this month.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

A. Executive Committee

i. Needs Assessment Update

Joe Engelbrecht reported that the assessment was approved by the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools and Tulare County Board of Supervisors. He is scheduled to make a presentation before the First 5 Tulare County Commission on June 26<sup>th</sup> and to the Tulare County Board of Education in July. The State consultant has been notified of the completion and informed that the Council is working on a cover page and acknowledgements. She stated to send the document after those items are completed.

It was suggested that the Council utilize the same pictures for the cover of the assessment as were used on the Council brochure. It was also suggested that the pictured utilized on the save the date card for the Legislative Breakfast also be used on the assessment cover. Staff will look into this.

ii. Membership Update

There is one Discretionary vacancy that is a Board of Supervisors appointee. The Board of Supervisors reappointed those members whose terms were ending June 30, 2008. Staff is waiting for applications from those that are up for reappointment by the Superintendent of

Schools. If you have not done so yet and are interested in reapplying, please forward the application to staff.

It was announced that Leslie Neese would not be renewing her membership. That will leave a Discretionary vacancy that is a Superintendent of Schools appointee.

iii. Budget

Members reviewed a very rough draft of the budget for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. The draft allowed for a 6.4% reduction based on what is proposed at the state. Salaries, benefits, and indirect have not yet been updated. Council members discussed the draft. A final budget will be developed by the Executive Committee and presented at the August meeting for approval.

B. Summit Committee

Staff provided an update on the activities of the Summit Committee and an overview handout was included in member packets.

Brandi Clark stated that the United Way Golf Tournament is held the second Friday in September and may conflict with the Summit and Legislative breakfast.

C. Legislative Breakfast Committee

Rosemary Caso provided an update on the activities of the Legislative Breakfast Committee and there was an overview handout, as well as, a copy of the save the date card in member packets.

D. AB 212 Update

Staff provided an update on the AB 212 Staff Retention programs. An overview of the 2007/2008 stipends received and disbursed was included in member packets. In addition the plan developed by the AB 212 Committee for the next fiscal year was included in packets.

E. Children's Report Card for Tulare County

A copy of the recently completed Children's Report Card was included in each member's packet. The document was put out by the Children's Services Network. Janet Hogan provided a brief overview of the report card.

F. Other

No other items were discussed.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

A. April Minutes

The April minutes were included in member packets and reviewed. Lois Sheffield made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Election of Officers

Rita Jahnke announced the proposed slate of officers was as follows:

Chair	Cynthia Garcia
Vice Chair	Rosemary Caso
Secretary	Vicki Wright

Mary Thomas made a motion to accept the slate of officers as proposed. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. First 5

Janet Hogan announced that the Tulare County Child Care Needs Assessment will be presented at the June 26, 2008 First 5 Tulare County Commission meeting which begins at 10:00 a.m. In addition it was announced that the strategic plan expires June 30, 2009 and the Commission will begin the updating process at a retreat this month.

B. Other Council Activities

Lois Sheffield announced that the Resource & Referral office is hosting an ADA training on June 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Visalia Convention Center. Council members are invited to attend.

Rosemary Caso distributed fliers for the Cavalcade of Elegance fundraiser scheduled for July 26, 2008 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The fundraiser will benefit UCYC.

Mary Thomas updated the Council on the Early Intervention program through Foster Services. The program is focused on keeping children in the home with intense services for the family. Last year there were approximately 1,200 children in out of home placements and this year that number has dropped to approximately 918.

Brandi Clark announced that the United Way Breakfast is scheduled for September 2, 2008 and the Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 12, 2008. She also announced that there were 1303 teens that attended the Sober Grad event held at Adventure Park.

Cynthia Garcia announced that on June 21, 2008 the School Readiness Program will have a retreat for providers to children 0-5 and kindergarten teachers. Shirley Baltazar with CPIN will present the preschool learning foundations.

**VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2008.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.