

TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES

Thursday, April 9, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Aspen Room

Present: Karen Ball, Brandi Clark, Joe Engelbrecht, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Tracy Martinez, Melissa Prado, Carolyn Rose, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), and Mary Thomas.

Absent: Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Danny Diaz, Cynthia Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Karen Hansen (LOA), Cara Peterson, Lenor Roman, and Vicki Wright.

Guest: Barbara Best

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome Introductions

In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, Joe Engelbrecht, Prior Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Best with WestEd stated that the new Infant/Toddler Foundations are now out and she will be offering training after May 2009.

III. 3:15 PUBLIC HEARING – CHILD CARE PRIORITIES

A public hearing regarding the 2009 recommended priorities for California State Preschool (CPRE) and California Center (CCTR) programs was opened at 3:15 p.m. The draft priorities were presented and discussed. Upon no comment from the public the hearing was closed.

Brandi Clark made a motion to approve the CPRE priorities based on data utilized from the 2008 Needs Assessment and the formula from the State. Janet Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Brandi Clark made a motion to approve the CCTR priorities based on data utilized from the 2008 Needs Assessment and the formula from the State. Mary Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Executive Committee

i. Membership Update

Staff updated the Council on the current membership. There are currently five vacancies with one person awaiting appointment. In addition there was some interest at the Child Care Conference and applications will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

ii. Form 700

Staff informed the Council that all members submitted Form 700 by the deadline.

iii. Budgets

A request was made by the Executive Committee to send a member to the CDPI spring workshop. In addition a request was made that the Executive Committee be given the responsibility of working with staff on last minute budget revisions.

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve \$500 for an Executive Committee member to attend the CDPI spring institute as well as giving the Executive Committee the responsibility to work with staff on last minute budget revisions. Carolyn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Legislative Breakfast/Summit Committee

In the absence of the committee Chair, staff gave an update on the Legislative Breakfast and Quality Summit.

C. Strategic Planning Committee

Staff gave an update on the activities of the Strategic Planning Committee.

D. Nominating Committee

The following nominations for the Executive Committee were presented:

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

The Council will vote on the slate of officers at the June 2009 meeting.

E. AB 212 Update

Staff gave an update on the AB 212 Staff Retention Program. Applications are currently being processed and stipends will be disbursed by the end of the fiscal year.

F. Other

No other items were discussed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. February Minutes

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the February 2009 minutes as presented. Lois Sheffield seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

B. Inclusion Team

A request was made by the Inclusion Team to become a committee of the Council and for approval for funding to host an Inclusion Collaborative expanded meeting on May 15, 2009 Janet Hogan made a motion to welcome the Inclusion Team as an adhoc committee of the Council and for funding to support the May 15, 2009 meeting. Carolyn Rose seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

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

B. Child Care Conference

Lois Sheffield reported on the April 4, 2009 Child Care Conference that was held at McDermont Field House in Lindsay and had 760 registrants.

C. Children's Services Network

Janet Hogan announced that the Children's Services Network meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

D. Other Council Activities

- Brandi Clark gave an update on the activities of United Way Tulare County
- Joe Engelbrecht stated that the Boys & Girls Club is hosting a major fundraiser on April 18th
- Tracy Martinez reported that Head Start is doing pre-enrollment for fall 2009

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

A. June 11, 2009

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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