

**TULARE COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Thursday, October 8, 2009 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Aspen Room

Present: Debbie Castro, Brandi Clark, Danny Diaz, Joe Engelbrecht, Cynthia Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Rita Jahnke, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Lenor Roman, Junior Russo, Lois Sheffield, Tina Shirley (staff), and Mary Thomas.

Absent: Laura Ancheta, Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Janet Hogan, Evan Riggs, and Vicki Wright.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome Introductions

Cynthia Garcia, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Christina Jones and Junior Russo were welcomed as new members.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. COUNCIL TRAINING

Lois Sheffield provided training on the Resource & Referral programs.

IV. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Executive Committee

i. Budget

Cynthia Garcia presented a draft of a revised budget based on expenses from the breakfast and summit. At this time the current fiscal year costs are \$13,315. This amount will be adjusted as needed. The previous estimated cost was approximately \$24,000. The remaining amount was distributed to office supplies, \$1,000, and LPC activities, \$10,185. This allows the Council to work on some additional projects this fiscal year.

ii. Retreat

Members discussed having the annual retreat in December. The estimated cost of the retreat is approximately \$1,500. Mary Thomas made a motion to cancel the December 10, 2009 Council meeting and have a retreat on December 4, 2009 instead. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. The motion was carried. It was agreed that Vicki Stasch would be contacted to act as the facilitator for the retreat. In the event that Ms. Stasch is unavailable then Jackie Ryle would be contacted.

Fresno Pacific and Central Valley Regional Center were suggested as possible locations for the retreat.

iii. Economic Impact Report

Council members agreed that they would like to move forward with the Economic Impact Report, but would like to see a proposal from the National Economic Development and Law Center to compare with the one received from Fawn McLaughlin.

iv. Vendor Booths

The Council will participate in the following events:

- Disability Awareness Day at COS on October 13th
- Cynthia Lockhart-Mummery Memorial Conference on November 5th
- First 5 Kids Festival on March 26th

The following individuals agreed to participate:

- October – Lois Sheffield, Melissa Prado and Rita Jahnke
- November – Rita Jahnke, Lenor Roman, Christina Jones, Sherri Glenn, Cynthia Garcia and Melissa Prado
- March – Cynthia Garcia, Lenor Roman, Danny Diaz, Melissa Prado and Rita Jahnke

B. Legislative Breakfast

Sherri Glenn reported on the outcome of the breakfast. There were approximately 150 attendees. Although the program began a little late everything ran smoothly and Mr. Vidak, Mr. Worthley and Ms. Riggs did an excellent job and were very well received. The video turned out great and some very good comments have been received. Enclosed in member packets is a letter from Stan Simpson thanking the Council for including him.

C. Summit

Sherri Glenn reported on the outcome of the summit. There were approximately 370 individuals registered for the summit including vendors and presenters. The keynote was very well received and indicated that this is one of the most organized conferences she has been to.

Additional support of the Summit was provided by the following:

- First 5 Tulare County \$10,000
- The California Endowment \$2,000
- Soroptimist International of Visalia \$500
- Children's Services Network \$1,000

D. Other

No other items were discussed.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. April Minutes

Sherri Glenn stated that the minutes that are being approved are the August minutes and the minutes should reflect that at the August meeting the June minutes were approved. Lois Sheffield

made a motion to approve the August minutes with the correction of April to June. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

No announcement

B. Children's Services Network

No announcement

C. Other Council Activities

Staff announced that her office will be moved. The move will take place sometime around the first of November. There will also be a new phone number. Staff will keep the Council updated.

Joe Engelbrecht raised some questions regarding liability, insurance and legal representation for Council members and others during Council activities. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that Mr. Engelbrecht would contact Ray Chavez for clarification.

Brandi Clark announced that the United Way breakfast went very well. In addition, the United Way has received a Homeless Prevention grant in the amount of 1.6 million. For more information please contact Brandi.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

A. December 10, 2009

It was agreed that the December 10th Council meeting would be cancelled and a retreat held on December 4, 2009 instead.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.