

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council
Inclusion Team Meeting
June 8, 2010

Minutes

Present: Cara Peterson, John Davis, Sherri Glenn, Sally Fiala-Farhang, and Tina Shirley (staff).

I. Welcome

Cara Peterson, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. Listserv

Members discussed how the listserv is working. There have been a couple of glitches and staff is not sure if everyone is able to post. It was agreed that staff will send out a message requesting the subscribers send a test message to the listserv. In addition it was agreed that the committee would like to include more frontline staff on the listserv. If anyone has suggestions please forward them to staff. A request will also be sent to the center supervisors.

III. Website

The inclusion page on the website is completed. The link is <http://www.tularecountykids.org/Inclusion.htm>. Please forward any other additional information for the site to staff.

IV. Newsletter

It was agreed that the listserv would be utilized for relaying information rather than a newsletter. Anyone that has updates regarding inclusion and/or special education legislation should post it on the listserv as well as any information related to the budget. Once a month staff will send out a message requesting that subscribers share success stories and/or challenges they are facing. In addition staff will send out a list of trainings two months in advance.

V. AB 212 Follow-up

Staff updated the group on the plan for AB 212 funds for the next fiscal year. The idea of consultants in the classroom was discussed with the AB 212 Committee, but at this point they were not ready to move forward with the idea. They would like to research the idea over the next year for perhaps incorporating consultants into the 2011/2012 plan.

Cara mentioned that she was at a meeting with Head Start staff and Ray Chavez mentioned there might be an opportunity for Head Start to apply for AARA funding for coaching. Staff will contact Ray for more details.

VI. Other

The group discussed the October countywide meeting. It was agreed that the focus of the meeting would be RTI. A similar format as the last meeting would be utilized where attendees rotate through tables that have a facilitator and respond to questions regarding RTI. In addition it was suggested that a speaker from a school district provide an overview of how RTI can be successfully implemented. The next Inclusion Committee meeting will focus on discussing the October countywide meeting.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for August 4, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.