

**Tulare County Child Care Planning Council
MINUTES**

Thursday, August 12, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Aspen Room

- Present: Debbie Castro, Kristina Delgadillo, Cynthia Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Karen Hansen, Janet Hogan, Suzie Rojas, Junior Russo, Tina Shirley (staff), Mary Thomas and Vicki Wright.
- Absent: Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Danny Diaz, Joe Engelbrecht, Claudia Garcia, William Garcia, Linda Hill, Rita Jahnke, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, and Lenor Roman.
- Guests: Trish Grant and Sonya Mendoza.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Introductions

Cynthia Garcia, Council Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. A special welcome was given to new member Suzi Rojas.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trish Grant with Tulare County Health & Human Services-Restorative Justice Program introduced herself and provided information about the Neighborhood Accountability Board. The Board is currently recruiting volunteers. A flyer was distributed with contact information for anyone interested in volunteering.

III. COUNCIL TRAINING

Fawn McLaughlin, Consultant, provided a presentation on the draft Economic Impact Report. Those present discussed the report and provided Ms. McLaughlin with suggestions for additions/changes. Once the changes have been completed staff will email the final draft to Council members.

Ms. McLaughlin was thanked for a thorough and well done report.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Chair Award

No award was presented this month.

B. Membership

A new membership chart was included in member packets.

C. Bylaws Revisions

Members reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws drafted by the Executive Committee. The bylaws were also sent to TCOE for review. A suggestion was made to change non-paid to unpaid

under the Membership section G. Staff will make the noted change. The bylaws will be voted on in September.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. June Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum the minutes were not approved. However, there were no suggestions for changes. Similar

B. Economic Impact Report

Due to the lack of a quorum the report was not approved. A special meeting will be held in September to approve the report. Staff will poll the Council members for available dates the week of September 13th. A final draft of the report will be emailed the week prior to the meeting.

C. Council Name

Cynthia Garcia announced that the Executive Committee has been discussing changing the Council name to better align the Early Education field. Some committee members suggested changing the name prior to the breakfast and others suggested waiting.

It was agreed that this item would be included on the October agenda for further discussion/action and staff will email members suggested names prior to the meeting.

D. October 29, 2010 Inclusion Meeting

Due to the lack of a quorum no vote was taken on this item. Vicki Wright presented the proposed cost of a breakfast for the Inclusion Collaborative countywide meeting. This item will be on the September agenda. The committee will present the total cost for the event and staff will provide a copy of the current LPC budget.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Inclusion Collaborative Committee

Staff announced that the Inclusion Committee would like to host another countywide Inclusion Collaborative meeting. The proposed date is October 29, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to share models of pre-referral intervention practices as well as discuss strategies, support and services being provided to children in early care and education programs throughout the county. In addition the committee would like to gather feedback from those working in the field and promote continued dialogue and networking between service providers.

B. Legislative Breakfast Committee

Sherri Glenn gave an update on the activities of the Breakfast Committee. Invitations are currently being printed and scheduled to be sent out by August 20th. All registration will take place online. Three Business and Children Award nominations have been received so far and the deadline is September 10th.

Sherrri stressed the importance of all Council members assisting with the breakfast. Staff will send out an assignment sheet for members to sign up.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

Janet Hogan gave an update on the activities of First 5 Tulare County. A RFP should be released in early September for one time funding that will run on a 12-month calendar year. This will be discussed and voted on at the next First 5 meeting.

B. Children's Services Network

Janet Hogan gave an update on the activities of the CSN. The group is currently working on developing a comprehensive child protection plan for the county. It was suggested that the Council present the Economic Impact Report at a CSN meeting once the report is completed. In addition it was suggested that an announcement be made at the Legislative Breakfast encouraging attendees to visit the Lisa Project.

C. Other Council Activities

Cynthia Garcia announced that her office site is receiving a new building utilizing funds from a USDA grant. The building will house pregnancy prevention classes as well as having a WIC office onsite.

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is October 14, 2010. However, a special meeting will be held in September to approve the Economic Impact Report and the bylaws. Staff will inform Council members of the date once it has been set.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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