

**Tulare County Child Care Planning Council
Special Meeting
MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 14, 2010 2:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Sycamore Room

Present: Karen Ball, Danny Diaz, Cynthia Garcia, William Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Linda Hill, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Junior Russo, Tina Shirley (staff), Mary Thomas and Vicki Wright.

Absent: Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Kristina Delgadillo, Joe Engelbrecht, Claudia Garcia, Karen Hansen, Suzie Rojas and Lenor Roman.

Guests: Chuck Delap

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Introductions

Cynthia Garcia, Council Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Economic Impact Report

Members reviewed the final draft of the Economic Impact Report. Mary Thomas made a motion to approve the report as presented. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Members also reviewed the draft brochure. It was suggested that anything in the red font be changed to a more professional looking font such as a block font. Staff will work with The Lockwood Agency on the changes.

B. Bylaws

Members reviewed the final draft of the Council bylaws. Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the bylaws as presented. Vicki Wright seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

C. Annual Report

Members reviewed a draft of the 2009/2010 Annual Report. The following changes were suggested: on page 2 correct the spelling of Junior Russo's name, and correct the last page number.

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the 2009/2010 Annual Report with the corrections. Karen Ball seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

D. Funding Opportunities

i. CARES Plus

Staff provided a brief overview of the State First 5 CARES Plus program. This is potential funding that may be available and would enhance the current AB 212 Program. Staff questioned the Council on whether or not they would be interested in applying for the funds when they become available.

Mary Thomas made a motion to move forward with applying for the State CARES Plus program funding once it is available. Melissa Prado seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

ii. First 5

First 5 Tulare County has one time funding available for Capitol Projects or Planning Grants. All the information is available on their website.

Janet Hogan left the meeting at 2:40 p.m. and the Council further discussed the one time funding. The Inclusion Collaborative Committee may be interested in applying for funds and questioned the Council on whether or not they would be interested. After some discussion Mary Thomas made a motion to move forward with researching the available local First 5 funding. Christina Jones seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2010.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.