

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council
MINUTES

Thursday, October 14, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Aspen Room

Present: Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Joe Engelbrecht, Sherri Glenn, Linda Hill, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Junior Russo, Tina Shirley (staff) and Vicki Wright.

Guests: Dr. Pansy Ceballos, Ray Chavez and Scott Herring.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Introductions

In the Chair's absence, Rosemary Caso, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Herring, Northern California Child Care Advocate, gave an update on Community Care Licensing. For more detail on the updates or further information please visit the website at www.cclcd.ca.gov.

III. COUNCIL TRAINING

Due to unforeseen circumstances the presenter was unable to attend and the Council training was cancelled.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. State Budget

Rosemary Caso provided an overview of the State budget cuts. The following early care and education programs were cut:

- Elimination of remaining funding for CalWORKs Stage 3 effective November 1, 2010.
- Reduction in the administrative and support services cost allowance for voucher-based contractors from 19 percent of the contract amount to 17.5 percent
- A reduction of license exempt provider reimbursement rate limits from 90 percent of the licensed provider limits to 80 percent
- Requiring contractors to utilize accumulated reserves to offset contract amounts.
- Resource & Referral: (a 4% cut)
- Quality Improvement: (a 4.3% cut)
- Local Planning Councils: (a 50% cut)
- TANF training for child care: (a 10% cut)
- License-exempt training: (a 44% cut)
- CARES (AB212): (a 21% cut)
- Preschool education projects, including public TV: (a 38% cut)
- CAPP: -\$7,041,000 (caseload adjustment)
- APP Stage 2: -\$14,692,000 (caseload adjustment)
- APP Stage 3: -\$14,080,000 (caseload adjustment)

Members discussed the ramifications of the LPC and AB 212 cuts. Staff shared information received at the Coordinators meeting regarding the process for determining cuts to each county, contract amendments and the 15% cap on AB 212 for administration.

The Council asked Dr. Ceballos and Ray Chavez about negotiating the indirect and CCDAC rates. Dr. Ceballos will look into it and report back to the Council. The Council was directed that they should present TCOE with a balanced budget. Joe Engelbrecht stated that the number one priority is to preserve the LPC Coordinator position. Several suggestions were made for cutting costs in the budgets.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee would meet with Erika Delgado, Accountant with TCOE to revise the budgets. The Council will also meet in November to approve the revisions.

B. Annual Self-Review

The Annual Self-Review is due to the State on November 15, 2010. This year the Executive Committee agreed to have all Council members complete the form. The Committee will review all forms for input and complete the report. Staff will ensure the report is submitted by the deadline.

C. Other

No other items were discussed.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. September Minutes

Vicki Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. Rosemary Caso and Debbie Castro abstained. The motion was carried.

Sherri Glenn noted that the minutes for June and August should be included on the next meeting agenda for approval.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Legislative Breakfast Committee

i. Feedback from October 1, 2010 Breakfast

Sherri informed the Council that 205 individuals registered for the breakfast and 58 of those did not attend. Janet Hogan was recognized for the wonderful job she did presenting the Economic Impact Report and members indicate that have heard positive feedback regarding the event.

ii. School to Career Program Inquiry

Staff informed the Council that Randy Wallace, Project Director for TCOE's School-to-Career program, contacted her after the breakfast to discuss recommendation number five in the Economic Impact Report. He is interested in meeting with and collaborating with the Council on workforce development strategies. Staff requested volunteers from the Council to meet with Mr. Wallace. Debbie Castro, Sherri Glenn, Joe Engelbrecht and Junior Russo volunteered.

iii. Fourth Annual Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast Committee is starting to plan for the 2011 breakfast. A suggestion was made to focus on child abuse, in particular child abuse in child care settings. There was discussion regarding possibly partnering with the Child Abuse Prevention Council and/or the District Attorney's office.

In light of the current budget situation it was recommended that the committee seek funding from other entities to support the event.

B. Inclusion Collaborative Committee

Cara Peterson provided an update on the activities of the Inclusion Committee. A county-wide Inclusion Collaborative meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to share and discuss the pre-referral process. Included in member packets was the letter sent out to potential attendees. All Council members are encouraged to attend the event. In light of the current budget situation, the committee will seek funding for the event from outside entities.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

Janet Hogan provided an update on the activities of the First 5 Tulare County Commission. There were seven applications that were received for the recently release RFP for Capitol and Planning grants and of those five met the basic requirements and are now being reviewed by the readers. The total requested amount is less than what is available therefore another RFP will mostly likely be released in February 2011.

B. Children's Services Network

Janet Hogan provided an update on the Children's Services Network. The CSN is currently focusing on child abuse prevention. In Tulare County a portion of the fee collected for birth certificates goes towards child abuse prevention. In November the fee will be increased resulting in an increase for the prevention of child abuse in the county.

C. Other Council Activities

- Rosemary Caso announced that the YMCA is re-enrolling since the State budget passed. In addition, they will be reopening their Farmersville center. Rosemary also stated that the YMCA is participating in the Kids Fest on November 20th and agreed to distribute Council information.
- Rita Jahnke announced that she is participating in an event at the Parenting Network on October 27th. Rita agreed to distribute Council information.
- Joe Engelbrecht announced that the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sequoias and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tulare County will unify into one organization. Galen Quenzar will serve as the Executive Director and Joe will serve as the Chief Operating Officer.
- Debbie Castro announced that COS will not offer summer school in 2011 and 2012.

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting is December 9, 2010. However, in order to finalize budget revisions based on State cuts, a special meeting was scheduled for November 3, 2010 at 3:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.