

Tulare County Child Care Planning Council  
Inclusion Team Meeting  
November 23, 2010

Minutes

Present: Cara Peterson, Karen Hansen, John Davis, Kristina Delgadillo, Sherri Glenn and Tina Shirley (staff).

I. Welcome

Cara Peterson, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. November Countywide Inclusion Meeting

a. Review Evaluations

Those committee members present reviewed the summary of the evaluation for the November 5<sup>th</sup> countywide meeting. The majority of the evaluations indicated excellent and those that completed the evaluation indicated that they thought the meeting was beneficial and would be of use in their work and would be interested in participating in future meetings. There were 29 participants that indicated they would like to be included on the listserv.

b. Review Discussion Questions

The committee members present reviewed the summary of the discussion questions. It was agreed that staff would send out to the Inclusion Collaborative attendees as is.

c. Next Steps

Based on the success of the Countywide Inclusion Collaborative meetings it was agreed that quarterly forums would be held in addition to an annual breakfast meeting. The Quarterly Inclusion Collaborative Forums would be held from 1:30 – 3:00 pm and provide individuals with an opportunity to have a presentation on a specific topic, share case studies and network. It was agreed that the first forum would be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the focus would be further exploration of discussion question one and the responses.

Staff will send out a save the date to the November 5<sup>th</sup> attendees. Staff will also add those interested to the listserv.

d. First 5 Planning Grant

The committee discussed the potential First 5 Planning Grant. It was agreed to move forward. The purpose of the grant would be to hire a consultant and conduct an in-depth countywide assessment on available services, needs and gaps in Tulare County for children with special needs 0-5 and their families. The assessment would then be utilized

to seek funding to fill those gaps and potentially apply for another grant to provide “coaching” type services in early care and education centers.

Those present will return to the next meeting with ideas about potential consultants. Some immediate thoughts included:

- A graduate student
- A doctoral student
- Talking with Brandman or Fresno Pacific

### III. Other

No other items were discussed.

### IV. Next Meeting

The next Inclusion Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2010 at 1:30 pm in the Manzanita room.