

**Tulare County Child Care Planning Council  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, November 3, 2010 3:00 p.m.  
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia  
Aspen Room

Present: Karen Ball, Debbie Castro, Kristina Delgadillo, Cynthia Garcia, William Garcia, Sherri Glenn, Karen Hansen, Linda Hill, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Melissa Prado, Junior Russo Tina Shirley (staff) and Vicki Wright.

Absent: Rosemary Caso, Danny Diaz, Joe Engelbrecht, Claudia Garcia, Suzi Rojas and Mary Thomas.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Welcome and Introductions

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. June Minutes

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Debbie Castro seconded the motion. Christina Jones and William Garcia abstained. The motion was carried.

B. August Minutes

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes with the elimination of the word “similar” under section V. Discussion and Action Items/A. June Minutes. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. William Garcia, Karen Ball, Christina Jones, Cara Peterson, Rita Jahnke and Linda Hill abstained. The motion was carried.

The October and November minutes will be included on the December agenda.

C. LPC Budget

Cynthia Garcia reviewed the draft budgets that were sent to Council members. Most likely the State won't have amended contracts out until the end of November so it is unknown exactly how the cuts will be disbursed. At this point the Executive Committee recommends moving as much of staff salary into AB 212 to keep staff full-time. In addition, the Executive Committee discussed moving the LPC office to the YMCA as the YMCA has offered free space. However, the Superintendent stated that he would absorb the cost of rent, utilities, storage, and copies at this time so staff is not relocated. The Superintendent also stated that he would match any funds the Council was able to secure from the BOS.

In addition to the CDD contract the LPC budget reflect \$8,000 from First 5 Tulare County to assist with the Economic Impact Report as well as \$1,252 to assist with the Inclusion Collaborative Countywide meeting/training.

The Executive Committee would also like to look into reimbursement for Brown Act meetings based on SB 90. SB 90 reimburses for the cost of developing and posting agendas for boards/commissions/etc. that fall under Brown Act. The Executive Committee recommends requesting the flat rate of \$154.88 per meeting. The Council can file for the last two fiscal years and also in coming years. The full Council and Executive Committee meetings would be considered eligible. Janet Hogan stated that the Executive Committee should research this further to determine if funds for SB 90 were actually allocated in the State budget. It was agreed that this would be researched and reported on at the next Council meeting.

In order to apply for funding from private foundations, the Executive Committee has also discussed the possibility of establishing a 501C-3. It was requested that more information, including the advantages of doing this, be provided at the December meeting.

Finally, Cynthia Garcia stated that at this time the understanding from CDD is that LPCS should accomplish the work that they can with regards to the mandates given the current budget crisis.

D. AB 212 Budget

A portion of staff's salary was moved from the LPC budget into retention activities in the AB 212 budget. Much of what staff already does for the program is considered direct service and retention activities. However, this fiscal year, staff will also conduct training/information sessions with applicants and contractors.

William Garcia made a motion to approve the LPC and AB 212 budgets as proposed in order to support a full-time Coordinator. Junior Russo seconded the motion. Melissa Prado and Rita Jahnke abstained. The motion was carried.

E. Advocacy

It was discussed that after January, the Council should develop information to educate the legislators and others about child care issues. The Council should be selective with regards to the issues and a plan to educate the community on who the Council is and what the Council does should be developed. It was also suggested that a list of new legislators be distributed at the next Council meeting.

**IV. OTHER REPORTS**

A. Inclusion Collaborative Countywide Meeting/Training

Cara Peterson updated the Council on the countywide inclusion meeting. The event is scheduled for November 5, 2010 from 8:00 -11:30 a.m. at Central Valley Regional Center. As previously mentioned First 5 Tulare County is funding the event. A big thank you goes out to them. Anyone interested in attending should contact staff.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kristina Delgadillo gave a report on the recent CDPI Fall Forum which she attended on behalf of the Council. Kristina stated that much of what was discussed related to the recently passed state budget and Stage 3 Child Care.

**VI. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2010.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.