

**Tulare County Child Care Planning Council
MINUTES**

Thursday, December 9, 2010 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia
Aspen Room

Present: Danny Diaz, Kristina Delgadillo, Joe Engelbrecht, Sherri Glenn, Karen Hansen, Janet Hogan, Rita Jahnke, Cara Peterson, Junior Russo, Tina Shirley (staff), Mary Thomas and Vicki Wright.

Absent: Karen Ball, Rosemary Caso, Debbie Castro, Claudia Garcia, Cynthia Garcia, William Garcia, Linda Hill, Christina Jones, Melissa Prado, and Suzi Rojas.

Guest: Alex Hamilton

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Introductions

Joe Engelbrecht led the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alex Hamilton introduced herself as the Manager, Community and Corporate Relations at Brandman University - Visalia, Hanford, and Lemoore.

III. COUNCIL TRAINING

Danny Diaz, First Steps Case Manager, provided training on the Lindsay Unified School District, Healthy Start program.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Contracts Update

The amended contracts for LPC and AB 212 have not yet been received.

B. Other

Staff provided an update on the Open Meeting Acts Reimbursement. Funding for the process was suspended for FY 05-06 thru 08-09. However, that suspension has been lifted and claims are slowly beginning to be paid out with no guarantee as to how many years they will be able to pay due to a limited budget.

Vicki Wright made a motion to authorize staff to submit a claim as discussed with the understanding that there are no guarantees as to when or if reimbursement will be received. Mary Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. October Minutes

Janet Hogan made a motion to approve the October 2010 minutes as presented. Sherri Glenn seconded the motion. Karen Hansen abstained. The motion was carried.

B. November Minutes

Sherri Glenn made a motion to approve the November 2010 minutes as presented. Vicki Wright seconded the motion. Mary Thomas abstained. The motion was carried.

C. 501 (C)(3)

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

D. CARES Plus – *Tina*

Staff provided a handout and gave an overview of the CARES Plus program and potential program implementation in Tulare County. After review of the document and much discussion the Council came to the following conclusions and recommendations.

- Do not apply for the CARES Plus funding – Although there is no match for Phase I, there is such a large match requirement for Phase II the Council believes it would be difficult to obtain and would require a significant amount of work to draw down the \$150,000.
- Use the CARES Plus model for the AB 212 program – these changes would be included in the plan for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.
- Apply for local funding, from some of the identified organizations, to enhance the AB 212 program. Thus allowing for stipend distribution to non-state subsidized center-based employees as well as licensed family child care providers.
- Further discuss and develop a plan at the annual Council retreat which will be held in the spring.

In addition, the Council requested that a representative from TCCCEP – Head Start attend the February 10, 2011 meeting to discuss and answer questions related to:

- The Head Start requirements for workforce development
- How Head Start will incorporate the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observational tool and related training into the program.
- How might the AB 212 program be expanded to include the CLASS through collaboration with Head Start? Is there a way to pool resources to enhance the education and quality of care provided by state-subsidized and non-state-subsidized providers?

E. Hands on Heroes – *Janet*

Janet Hogan provided an overview of the Hands on Heroes program. The central valley First 5's have discussed doing something regionally this April. Janet requested a formal co-sponsorship and assistance with planning from the Council. The co-sponsorship would not include any funding just participation of Council members on a steering committee. A steering committee meeting would most likely take place in January.

Sherri Glen made a motion to co-sponsor local Hands on Heroes program. Kristina Delgadillo seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

A. Legislative Breakfast Committee – *Sherri*

i. Fourth Annual Legislative Breakfast

Council members discussed the fourth annual breakfast and potential obstacles given the state budget. It was agreed to move forward with the Business and Children Award as well as the Legislative Breakfast knowing that expenses would be significantly reduced, outside sponsorship would be recruited and there would potentially be no staff to coordinate the events after the fiscal year.

B. Inclusion Collaborative Committee – *Cara*

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. First 5

Janet Hogan reported on the activities of the First 5 Tulare County Commission. In the last RFP process five projects were approved for funding. Four were capitol projects for equipment and one was a planning grant. It is anticipated that another RFP will be released at the beginning of February 2011. Additionally, the Commission is getting ready to begin the strategic planning process.

B. Children's Services Network

Janet Hogan gave an update on the activities of the CSN. They are continuing to develop internal procedures with regards to funding that is available for training as well as updating the Children's Report Card.

C. Other Council Activities

No other activities were discussed.

VIII. NEXT SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

The next Child Care Planning Council meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2010.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.