

Child Care Planning Council of Yuba and Sutter Counties
Minutes - September 22, 2008

Members Present: Sharen Cornils, Eva Teagarden, Denice Burbach, Kathy Woods, Joyce Ash, Carolee Caterall, Jennifer Wickliff, Sally Sokoloski, Karen Bowen, Gaileen Bumgarner, Melissa Gianelli, and JoAnne Aiello.

Members Absent: Bridget Sparlin (E), Lara Plaia (E), Mary Ann Hedrick (E), Dulia Aguilar (E), Lena Westman (E),

Staff Present: Jorgine Rogers and Rebecca Canada

Guests: Gurkiran Gill - Migrant Education

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 by chairperson, Sharen Cornils. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

II. General Information Sharing

Gaileen shared that the state budget has been signed.

Sharen shared that she is taping two shows for Tool Box for Tots. They will be shown on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:00. (Date to be determined). The topics are “Sweet Dreams” and “Domestic Violence and Trauma, the Effects on Infants and Toddlers”.

Kathy shared that the training on the Preschool Foundations, sponsored by the Child Care Planning Council, was well attended and provided valuable information. Eva thanked the Council for setting up the workshop as it was important for all staff to be trained on this new information. She also appreciated the resources provided.

III. Approve August Council Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Kathy and seconded by Gaileen that the minutes of the August meeting be approved. The motion carried.

IV. Reports

A. Standing Committees

1. Community Outreach

In the absence of the committee reporter, Jorgine provided a summary of the meeting. The committee began plans for the Family Friendly Workplace Awards for next year. We will have five categories. They also looked at the Month of the Child Calendar and activities. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 20th.

2. Quality Improvement and Capacity Building – Committee meeting canceled

a. Approve Teen Parent & Child Ad Hoc Committee

Jorgine updated the Council on the planning activities and reported that a survey was distributed to teen parents and will be compiled to help identify unmet needs. The survey results will be shared at the committees 10/8 meeting. Over 50 surveys from teen parents have been received. Jorgine requested that the Council designate this as an Ad Hoc Committee under the QICB committee. It was moved by Joanne and seconded by Jennifer that we designate the Teen Parent Focus Group as an Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried.

3. Public Policy

The meeting was cancelled

4. Executive Steering Committee

Eva gave an update on the Executive Steering Committee meeting.

a. Membership Recommendations – Gurkiran Gill, from the Migrant Education Program, has applied for the Sutter County Community Representative position. It was moved by Eva that we recommend Gurkiran for the position. The motion carried. Her application and information will be sent to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Three other positions are open. The Council received Sharen Cornils resignation due to her retirement, as of 9/30/08. This leaves a Sutter County discretionary position and child care provider position and a Yuba County Consumer position open.

b. Approve LPC Annual Agency Report

The new state report was reviewed. It was moved by Eva that we approve the report and send it forward to the State. The motion carried. A copy of the Council's 07-08 accomplishments and highlights will be sent with the report.

c. LPC Self Review Findings

The Council was compliant in all areas. It was recommended that we submit this to the State. It was moved by Eva that we approve the findings and forward them to the State. The motion carried.

d. Approve Interim Council Chair and Vice Chair

Sharen reported that due to her retirement, the chair position is open. Eva has agreed to be the Chair until June. Lara has agreed to be the Vice Chair. It was moved by Sharen and seconded by Kathy that these positions be approved. The motion carried. Melissa has also agreed to replace Lara as the Secretary. This item was not on the agenda so we will agendaize approval of the secretary position for the next meeting.

e. Child Care Plan

Eva reported that an update on the Strategic Plan Scope of Work will be provided at the next meeting.

f. By-Laws Revisions

The Committee discussed possible revisions to the by-laws. The changes will be brought to the Council for consideration at the October meeting and for final approval at the November meeting.

B. AB212 and CARES Project Updates

1. AB212 Project

There were no new participants. Rebecca reported that Sutter County has ten participants and Yuba County has eleven participants.

2. CARES Project

a. Approve Eligible Participants

Rebecca reported that one new participant needs to be approved. It was moved by Eva and seconded by Joyce that we approve the participant. The motion carried.

b. Approve Textbook Voucher

It was moved by Sharen and seconded by Joanne that we approve the textbook voucher in the amount of \$100 for the new participant. The motion carried.

c. School Readiness/Cares Collaboration

The Council is collaborating with MJUSD School Readiness Program on a training entitled "A Place of Our Own". The training is beginning this week. Topics are: September 24th - Behavior Management, October 1st - Fun Food for Health Eating, and October 15th - Hands on Reading. Workshops will be presented in Spanish, Hmong and English.

d. Cares Report - PowerPoint Presentation

Jorgine shared the information she presented to the First 5 Commission regarding

2007-08 activities. The information for the commission reviewed goals of the program, project supports, participants, number of years in project, units earned, barriers to participating, number of children receiving care and incentive awards.

C. Budget Update

Jorgine reviewed the blue sheet in the packet which included the LPC expenses to date. The council has been cautious about spending due to budget cuts.

D. Update on Children and Families Commissions

Jorgine indicated that both commission meetings are not on the same date and asked if someone could cover the Sutter County meeting which is on the 3rd Wednesday at 3:30.

1. Sutter County CFC

Sharen attended the most recent meeting. She indicated that it was a brief meeting with general discussion. The meeting did not include a discussion of the recommendation from the Grand Jury that commission membership be more diverse, including representation with early care and education experience.

2. First 5 Yuba

Jorgine provided the commission with an update on the Cares Project. She also indicated that the commission is looking at policies and procedures. The commission currently has an opening and four applicants. The Advisory Committee had made recommendations to the commission based on a request to review candidates. No recommendation was made by the Commission and it was recommended that all commissioner applicants go to the Board of Supervisors for a consideration.

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Report from Staff

Jorgine reported that the Director of the Live Oak Child Care Center has resigned. The position is currently open for applications.

VII. Presentation

Kristen Fisher, Program Therapist for Children 0-5 Years, Sutter-Yuba Mental Health

Kristen shared information on the Full Service Partnership Funding through the Mental Health Services Act which targets 0-5 children and their families. This program provides intensive services to a small number of families (10 per year). The target populations are children 0-5 who have a serious emotional difficulty, are at risk for homelessness and the parent is also mentally ill or a substance abuser. The goal is that the intensive services will result in families being able to function independently. Referrals typically come from CPS, and preschools or other service providers. Referrals can be made directly to Kristen. Services include assessment, individual therapy, referral for medical assessment, additional psychological assessment and whatever else is needed to help the family. Support is provided through therapy, a case manager, a parent partner and housing support when needed.

VIII. Good of the Order

Sharen indicated that her experience working in her position in Sutter County as well as on the Council has been extremely positive. She indicated it has been the most rewarding position in her career. Several council members commented on the outstanding job Sharen has done both in her position and as a member of the Council and how much they appreciated her many contributions. She was presented with thank you card and gift by Council members.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35.