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"Making a positive difference in the lives of young children"

Commission Meeting

February 23, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.

Department of Education @ 1135 Lincoln Street, in the Gallery - Red Bluff, CA 96080

MINUTES

Attendance: Paula Brown Almond, Larry Champion, Cynthia Cook, Beverly Grace, Tony Cardenas, Mildred Johnstone, Valerie Lucero, Charlene Reid, and George Russell.

Absent: None

WELCOME: Cynthia Cook, New Public At-Large Commissioner

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

1.1. Mike Lindsay, NCCDI Fatherhood Involvement Facilitator: The Northwest Regional Training sponsored a public lecture on Strengthening Fatherhood with Dr. Kyle Pruett was held on February 19, 2010. There were 17 participants from Tehama County which made up 10% of total attendance. Representatives included Mike Lindsay, Patrice Tamp, TCHSA DADS program, Brian Emery, TCHSA Drug and Alcohol program, and Yuliana Bogarin from the TCDE Prevention program. It was reassuring to be validated on what Tehama County is doing with fathers with intervention and prevention being right on target. The group learned that parenting models that work with the parents together with a training of each sex working with their counterpart is most effective.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA:** These items include routine fiscal and administrative actions to be approved by a single majority vote.

- 2.1. Minutes from January 26, 2010 Meeting
- 2.2. General Warrant Register
- 2.3. Claims

Commissioner George Russell made the motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted; Commissioner Valerie Lucero seconded, motion carried 8/0.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1. **INFORMATIONAL:** Director's Report

- Distribute New Listing – including Cynthia Cook as new member – correction to her contact phone number.

Major Activities:

- Action Plan Development
- 2nd Quarter Progress Report Processing
- Grantee Home Visits

- School Readiness Trends & Semi-Annual Evaluation/Outcomes Reports
- Commission Meeting Prep
- First 5 Alerts & efforts to mobilize First 5 supporters
- Meeting with Northern California Child Development, Inc. – Family Start transition plan to Early Start. They are currently in the process of implementing the expansion services.

Council & committee meetings:

- Public Health Advisory Board; Program Evaluation Committee meeting; Corning Family Resource Center Cowell Stakeholder's Interview; Tri-County Mobile Dental Clinic meeting.

Please call me or come and see me if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these activities.

Local Partnerships:

- Brief summary of the phone conversation with S.H. Cowell, Friday, January 29, 2010 that Northern Valley Catholic Social Service (NVCSS) had following the Corning Family Resource Center (CFRC) stakeholders meeting:
 - S.H. Cowell will fund the CFRC with an additional 40-45K to help them through the end of this fiscal year.
 - The proposal is still due on February 10th; S.H. Cowell will still conduct their site visit on February 16th.
 - S.H. Cowell will only fund NVCSS for another fiscal year if additional funding can be secured/pledged by December 1, 2010. As with all of their funding, the foundation needs to have confidence that the CFRC is viable. NVCSS has applied for other funding; however, they have not heard if they will receive.
- Give Kids a Smile Day made front page of Daily News Monday February 8th! Dr Sage reported that this year, things were more sedate and he thinks it may be a sign First 5 Tehama County outreach is working. Wow. Copy of article from local newspaper was circulated. Dr. Sage will be retiring soon and a new director will be named. Dr. Sage has agreed to work part time researching and writing grants.
- Sponsored by First 5 Association, in collaboration with NW Region First 5's Public Lecture: Strengthening Fatherhood with Dr. Kyle Pruett was a success. Three partners from Tehama County plus reps from other counties also had lunch with Dr. Pruett and the folks from Strategies in order to discuss specific issues to their county and program they represented.
- First 5 Association meeting on January 26:
 - Update regarding the Governor's proposal to place Prop 10 on the June ballot:
 - Legislature would have to approve it by about March 1st to meet logistical deadlines for the June election. Many legislators wonder why they would put Prop 10 back on the ballot after the voters have spoken on the issue already 3 times.

Our role:

- It is not our role to figure out how to solve the problem; it is our role is to advocate for Prop 10. However, we can also argue for fairness, meaning all Californians should share the pain, not only low income populations that have been disproportionately hurt.

- The Executive Committee directed Association staff to launch a postcard campaign. The Association posted materials for commissions to download and print. Go to <http://www.f5ac.org/item.asp?id=4217>

First 5 California:

- The State Commission funded and sits on the California Quality Improvement System (CalQIS) advisory committee, a time-limited effort to develop a quality rating system.
 - The State Commission ED will serve as a co-chair of the newly formed Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC), a permanent body that will subsume the CalQIS and contribute to California's eligibility for future federal funds. This report will be held on March 3 at the Tehama County Department of Education from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Assembly room.
 - First 5 California Commissioners approved Power of Preschool (PoP) Bridge Funding of up to \$19 million to allow the program to operate for an additional year. This bridge funding from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, will allow approximately 20,200 children ages 0 to 5 to receive critical early learning services while the state and federal agendas fully develop. Additionally, the Commission expanded the PoP program to serve infants and toddlers through reimbursement rates that will incentivize existing PoP sites to extend quality services to this population.
 - Although the agenda included additional requests for funding approvals for other programs and services, it was determined after further discussion, and a fiscal update from the Department of Finance, that the Commission would continue its conversation on priority areas of funding at a separate meeting. Staff is already working on setting a date for a follow-up meeting in Sacramento. At that time, Commissioners will likely consider future funding for the Kit for New Parents, among other programs, as well as engage in a larger discussion on how First 5 California can continue to be part of the state's budget solution.
 - First 5 California will be having their Statewide Annual conference, March 9-10, 2009 in Sacramento. The first day will be focused on six program areas and research. The second day will focus on the same areas but with a policy/political perspective. Contact the commission office for more information. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 3.2. DISCUSSION/ACTION: FY 2009/10 Action Plan review (enclosure) – ED distributed the updated Action Plan for commission review. Also distributed the System of Care hand out, outlining the partners and process for the system. A list of acronyms to be distributed with the SOW in the future.

Commissioner Valerie Lucero made the motion to approve the Action Plan as submitted; Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond seconded, motion carried 8/0.

3.3. PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Evaluation Committee has reviewed the following reports prior to today's meeting.

- INFORMATIONAL: Reviewed Mid-Year PowerPoint Report
- INFORMATIONAL: Reviewed School Readiness Report – combined with mid-year report. Separate report is available if more detailed info is needed.

- 3.4. INFORMATIONAL: Cathy Minicucci - Semi-Annual Evaluation/Outcomes Report **(enclosure)** – This report was also reviewed by the Program Evaluation Committee – this report gives an overall view of how programs are doing to date.

3.5. TABLED: INFORMATIONAL: State Budget Updates/Impacts for pregnant women and children age 0-5

3.6. INFORMATIONAL: Project Updates

GRANTEE.....**Child Care Referral and Education**

Project Name.....**Partners for Quality Child Care**

Project Coordinator**Michelle Kinner**

Project Description: Provides outreach, support, and training activities for family, friend and neighbor child caregivers, and Spanish-speaking caregivers through home visits, outreach, workshops, and technical assistance.

Status: Michelle Kinner, Project Coordinator of the Partners for Quality Child Care program will highlight her project and update on the service delivery model with a PowerPoint presentation. See handout for more information on participants to date.

3.7. INFORMATIONAL: Collection of Conflict of Interest Forms – Forms 700 were collected from all commissioners, staff, and consultants. This is an annual event.

3.8. INFORMATIONAL: Personnel Committee Report Commissioners Cardenas, Johnstone, and Russell (Chair). Personnel Committee met in December and the following was decided/revised:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE –Completes annual Evaluation with Executive Director (ED) in Closed Session by June Commission meeting (Meets with Commission to review evaluation prior to meeting with the ED).

- Completes mid-year review of ED’s progress relevant to goals and any concerns in closed session by January Commission meeting
- Further meetings with ED as needed and discussed with Commission as appropriate
- At any time should concerns arise by Commission members regarding the performance of the ED, members are encouraged to communicate with the ED or if preferable with the Personnel Committee

The Evaluation process will begin in March.

3.9. INFORMATIONAL: Commissioner Updates

- Commissioner Charlene Reid: Still waiting on budget. Last year TCDSS had to make cuts to the Family Resource Center in hopes that they would not have to do that again. Hoping to be able to shift any available funds to FRC funding this year.
- Commissioner Valerie Lucero: Hiring freeze has been effect for TCHSA for quite a while – however, were given special approval for several critical positions. Mental Health Services Act allowed them to hire a license clinical supervisor for children services; this position was vacant for three years. TCHSA is in the recruitment mode for this position.
- Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond: Family Child Care Home Network is for 0-3 year holds and currently has some openings. Centralized Eligibility List has 136 children waiting for services. Programs are encouraged to contact them for referrals.
- Commissioner Mildred Johnstone: The Dental Committee had a successful Give Kids a Smile event on February 6. There were 135 children attending and received services and treatment from an army of doctors and volunteers. Denise distributed an article of the event with Dr. Sage stating lower numbers seen was attributed to the Mobile Dental Clinic’s services in Tehama County. The event had 135 volunteers and 16 dentists. This

year, Dr. Clark also opened his office for the more severe cases. Dr. Sage will be retiring but will stay on 2 days a week to fundraise for dental services.

3.10. ADJOURN

Next meeting March 27, 2010

POSTED: February 19, 2010

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