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

Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 @ 3 p.m.

@ Tehama County Department of Education
1135 Lincoln Street – Gallery – Red Bluff, CA 96080

MINUTES

Attendance: Paula Brown Almond, Tony Cardenas, Larry Champion, Valerie Lucero, Sr. Patricia Manoli, and George Russell.

Absent: Cynthia Cook, Beverly Grace, and Charlene Reid

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- 2.1. Minutes from Last Meeting
- 2.2. General Warrant Register
- 2.3. Claims

Commissioner Tony Cardenas made the motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted; Commissioner Sr. Pat Manoli seconded, motion carried 6/0.

3. REGULAR AGENDA:

3.1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- a. Major Activities:
 - System of Care Partner meetings and education
 - Mobile Dental Clinic in-house processes
 - Annual Audit prep
 - CARES Plus fiscal & audit processes & annual reporting
 - College intern program development
- b. Council & committee meetings:
 - Personnel committee; First 5 CA Commission; First 5 Association; Administration Oversight Team; Expect More Tehama.

Please call or stop by the commission office to see Executive Director Snider if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these activities.

- c. Local Partnerships:
 - New partnership with Migrant Head Start and Quality Counts Tehama
 - Updated partnership with Mobile Dental Clinic staff (Northern Valley Indian Health)

- Nurturing Parenting Collaboration with Mental Health – averaging 18 participants per week.
 - Ages and Stages Screening and Referral partnership with Dept. of Social Services: Children’s Services Division (CPS)
 - AmeriCorps partnership with First 5 CA and Prevent Child Abuse California
 - CSUC Intern for First 5 Tehama, Oziel Nassif Rudametkin was introduced. Oziel will be supporting First 5 Tehama on administration projects with Tehama County Department of Social Service; the System of Care; and the CARES program systems and data development.
 - School Readiness Corning expansion and update on site location – working with principal’s onsite.
- d. State Partnership – First 5 Association:
- AB 99 Update: Reports from Association members across the state indicate that many legislators do not realize that First 5 funds are still in jeopardy due to AB 99.
 - In June MRMIB voted to eliminate the \$1500 dental benefit cap. The average Healthy Families dental expense for children 6 - 18 is \$600. Early childhood caries, common in low-income children, can be much more expensive. Restorative services can cost more than \$1,000, not including anesthesia or sedation. The sun-setting of managed health care tax may cause further cuts – state may lose federal funds if no state match provided.
- e. State Partnership - First 5 California:
- Q: What is known about the likelihood of California applying for early learning challenge grant funds through the Race to the Top?
A: The Administration has not shown any indication of interest in the systems investments that are a prerequisite to applying. Anyone with connections to the Administration can certainly reach out to try to influence them.
 - CARES Plus Carry-Over: The State Commission approved the carry-over of unexpended CARES Plus funds throughout the term of the program, which ends June 30, 2012.
- 3.2. INFORMATIONAL: Partner Update – Northern California Child Development, Inc./ Tehama County Head Start – Brian Heese, Executive Director reported on local Head Start and Early Head Start service stats (handout provided).
- 3.3. INFORMATIONAL: Committee Membership & Commission Yearly Calendar & Events
- a. Standing Committees Memberships
 - b. Commission Yearly Calendar & Events distributed
- 3.4. ACTION: 4th Quarter Financial Report
Commissioner George Russell made the motion to approve the 4th Quarter Financial Report as submitted; Commissioner Sr. Pat Manoli seconded, motion carried 6/0.

3.5. Committee Reports

a. ACTION: Personnel Committee - Executive Director Annual Goals

- 1) Develop, organize, facilitate, and participate in System of Care Partner meetings (name: Early Intervention Partnership).
- 2) Develop successful in-house processes for Mobile Dental Clinic coordination.
- 3) Develop successful CARES Plus fiscal & audit processes, program implementation processes, and local evaluation processes.
- 4) Develop program for utilizing college interns.
- 5) Locate and participate in communication strengthening skills training.

Commissioner George Russell made the motion to approve the Executive Director Goals as submitted; Commissioner Paula Brown-Almond seconded, motion carried 6/0.

Executive Director will update Commission on the progress of the goals in January.

3.6. INFORMATIONAL: First 5 California Signature Programs Update

a. Teacher Signature Program – CARES Plus/Quality Counts Tehama County

- 1) Executive Director and CSUC Intern will attend the CLASS training scheduled for next week. Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is an observational tool that provides a common lens and language focused on the classroom interactions that boost student learning. All CARES Plus participants will be required to have this training as well. CLASS trainings for participants are scheduled to begin in October.

b. Child Signature Program: The Child Signature program will be based on the best and most promising practices from School Readiness, Power of Preschool, EduCare, and other state and national programs. It was postponed due to the diversion of Commission funds to the state budget, but will launch in 2012. Executive Director Snider will keep tabs on the RFP process in case there is funding available for Tehama County.

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

- a. Much of the funding cut from child care in March was restored, but all ECE funding except state preschool was removed from Prop 98 protection. Most local child care or Early Educators will have to compete for funds. Local impacts include State Preschool being cut 50 students in Tehama County.
- b. The Governor's May Revise proposal to transition all Healthy Families children into Medi-Cal was not enacted during the budget process. The final budget included \$25 million in savings related to making the transition, but no details about how those savings will be achieved.

3.8. INFORMATIONAL: Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Larry Champion: School's In! Midyear cuts are looming – next budget year is foretold to be worse than the last four-years. TCDE is finding that as parents move away for work – kids are returning to live with grandparents until parents are employed and settled.

Commissioner Sr. Pat Manoli: SECH is also finding new ways to do business in the struggling economy. No new programs at the hospital; however, the sports clinic is going very well and other counties are looking at the program as a model for other areas.

Commissioner George Russell: The state of Tehama County economics is bad... however, as some counties have determined – it could be much worse.

Commissioner Tony Cardenas: The Olive Festival is coming to Corning – with the Mobile Dental Clinic in attendance to share information and sign qualified children and pregnant women up for oral health services.

Commissioner Valerie Lucero: Rotary working with local media to bring Shaken Baby Syndrome information to the community. Simulator dolls show where damage happens in brain – these dolls will go home with teens for realistic baby experience. Lassen Medical and SECH will have a few dolls – not sure if they will be loaned out. TCHSA is looking at ways to use the dolls to reach families most needing the education. Also, with state cuts comes release of state held prisoners to communities. Tehama County agencies and community members are looking at how this will impact our community and how to deal with them once they are here.

3.9. ADJOURN

Next meeting Tuesday October 4, 2011 (No meeting in September)

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