

MENDOCINO COUNTY
Policy Council on Children and Youth
and
Child Abuse Prevention Commission

March 26, 2004

Minutes

Members	Present	Non-Member Participants
Steve Lund - Superintendent's Council		Anne Molgaard - First 5 Mendocino
Kevin Broin - Sheriff's Office	X	Charlie Seltzer – Public Health
Hal Wagenet - Board of Supervisors	X	Diane Lawrence - NCO
Damon Dickinson - Special Education Local Plan Agency	X	Jennifer Barrett - Public Health
Alison Glassey - Social Services	X	Jamie Trillo - MCOE
Marta Hernandez - Latino Coalition	X	Sheryn Hildebrand - CASA
Dennis Ivey - Associate Superintendent, MCOE		Kathleen Swain - WIB
Anne Oliver - Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission	X	Tammy Norris - Community Schools Student Council
Denise Gorny - Local child care resource and referral agency	X	Linda Nagel – Public Health
Lois Lockhart - Native American Representative	X	Susanne Ratcliffe Wilson – Superior Court
Cindee Mayfield – Juvenile Court Judge	X	Jasmine Barron - Community Schools Student Council
Bob McAlister - Probation Department		Roxanna Usher – MCDSS
Carol Mordhorst - Public Health		Patti Martinez - MCDSS
Beth Martinez - Mental Health	X	Mimi Ellis - MCDSS
Ned Walsh - Alcohol and Other Drugs Program	X	
Karin Wandrei - Mendocino County Youth Project	X	
Mary Nevarez - Redwood Valley Reservation, ICWA	X	
John Knapp - Alliance for Rural Community Health	X	
Camille Schraeder - Child Abuse Prevention Committee	X	
Moises Soria - MCDSS/Nuestra Casa	X	
Mary Elliott - Children's Services	X	
Tami Mee - Youth Council Representative		

Open Meeting – 11:30am

Lois Lockhart served as Chair with Beth Martinez as Vice-Chair. The meeting was held in the East conference room at MCOE, Ukiah.

Introductions

- February 27, 2004 Minutes were reviewed.

Motion to approve the February 27, 2004 Minutes as written. Seconded. Approved.

- The Agenda for March 26, 2004 was reviewed. The Chair amended the agenda, moving the SCIP presentation/action item to the first item under Action Reports.

Motion to approve the March 26, 2004 agenda with the amendment. Seconded. Approved.

Action Reports

- STD Community Intervention Program (SCIP) – *Charlie Seltzer*

The SCIP program addresses alcohol, drug use and sexual health issues among youth using a broad range of strategies.

Background: PCCY members were previously asked to provide information regarding their agencies, departments and programs. Charlie analyzed the data and developed a report. He provided a 2-page summary of the report at this meeting. Agency members may contact him if they are interested in the full report.

Referencing the County's epidemiology profile, Charlie provided the Council with statistics regarding STDs in Mendocino County and also pointed out that one out of the 11 agencies that he received information from addresses non-heterosexual youth.

The State will provide technical assistance to agencies in Mendocino County needing help with addressing youth (or general) issues. Charlie handed out surveys for agencies to fill out to assess their need. Completed surveys should be mailed or faxed to: 472-2667.
- Budget Matrix

Patti Martinez has received four surveys to date. Agencies should contact her regardless of whether they have changes to make or not.

The purpose of the Matrix is to catalog the budget's impact on children in Mendocino County. It can then be brought before the Board of Supervisors or changes made as needed.
- Young Children's System

The purpose of the Young Children's System is to pull all of the county agencies together that serve families with children ages 0-5, with a focus on preventive services. The program is set to begin in June in Willits, under the title Family Track. Department of Social Services (Employment Services, Children's Services, Adult Services), Probation, Public Health, County Office of Education, Regional Center, Mental Health and AODP will form the core Willits team. Client assessments, releases of information forms and case planning forms are currently being gathered and assessed to see what will work for all agencies.
- Asthma Roundtable 2

The Asthma Roundtable met on resources and to discuss what steps they would like to take in addressing asthma issues and concerns. The Regional Asthma Management Program and the Sonoma County Asthma Coalition have been able to provide information and resources. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00-7:45pm on April 19th at Public Health.
- Children's Services Redesign/AB636
 - AB636 is putting performance outcome measures on the Children's Services State Performance Improvement Plan in response to the Federal audit of Children's Services.
 - The Children's Service's Redesign is a project that was begun three years ago, this year being the implementation year. Redesign materials are being looked at prior to endorsement by the present State administration, which means that presently the funds are on hold and might not be released.
 - All 58 counties have been divided into four Cohorts. The first Cohort is in the process of implementation. Cohort 2 is made up of the smallest counties. Cohort 3 includes Mendocino County.
 - One of the major elements of CWS Redesign is differential response. Children's Service's referrals that are evaluated out and would be given additional services through Children's

Services. This is not currently done because Children's Services does not receive funding to provide services to these families. The number of referrals are expanding but the amount of funding has not increased.

- Children's Services is focusing on analyzing data on maltreatment, monthly visits to children/parents and ensuring that children are in the least restrictive level of care possible.
- During the next month Children's Services will be beginning a self-assessment process, which will be required by the State by the end of June. Thereafter it will be annual.
- PCCY is the community group for this process and Social Services will be asking for participation from the Council.

Council Business

- Child Abuse Prevention Planned Activities

The focus for this year's Child Abuse Prevention month is on Positive Parenting. The Child Abuse Prevention Committee has put out a calendar, family resource references card, poster, radio public service announcements, a newspaper and magazine spread. All items have been printed in both Spanish and English.

Announcements

- "Good Parenting" poster contest in the Court Community Schools and the Safe Schools classrooms. PCCY will select the winners out of the finalists for the 2005 Child Abuse Prevention Month poster.
 - The CATA meeting will be held May 3rd at the Mendocino County Department of Social Services.
 - "Turn Off TV Week" flyers and information are available through 1st Five.
 - The first meeting of the Maternal, Child and Infant Health Stake Holders Workshops Community Health Assessment and Five-Year Plan was March 29th from 10:00am-2:00pm.
 - There will be individual and agency recipients of the Public Health Awards at the Board of Supervisors on April 27th.
 - April 12th Governor Schwarzenegger will be speaking on the steps of the Capitol.
 - Crossroads Drop-in Center closed on March 31st.
 - A Transitional Living Program for four to eight youth ages 18-21 (unless emancipated) is in planning through the Youth Project.
 - Passages, an adolescent substance abuse treatment program, may be closing June 30th unless the Youth Project receives a grant.
 - The Potter Valley Youth and Community Center held its Health and Wellness Fair on March 27th.
 - The Boys and Girls Club Prevention Annual Dinner and Auction will be held at Redwood Valley Cellars on May 1st from 6:00-11:30pm.
 - North Haven School is holding a Chocoholics Festival for the annual fundraiser for its Fine Arts Program at the Grace Hudson Museum, April 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm.
- *No Child Left Behind* Presentation – *Kay Heath*

Kay presented a PowerPoint presentation on *No Child Left Behind*, which governs all of the State Title Programs (Federal funding for underachieving students).

- January 2002 the new law went into effect. The current state system has been overlapped on top of an existing state system.
- The State has divided school children into subgroups based on poverty, disabilities, race, ethnicity and limited English proficiency.

Major components of the law include:

- *Adequate yearly progress (AYP)*, which lets the school know if they are approaching the benchmarks that the State has set and is measured through testing. The target is currently 15% proficient. Each one of the subgroups must have 95% participation in the testing. However, parents have the right to “opt out” on the testing and this makes achieving the 95% rate difficult.
- If a school does not make AYP two years in a row, they enter *Program Improvement Status*. The school then becomes eligible to apply for special funding, but they may have to reconstitute their school personnel. One-third or more of CA schools will probably enter this status eventually.
- *Safe Harbor*: When a school has been labeled as a *Program Improvement School* but has continued to show progress.

- *Supplemental Services*: When a school becomes a *Program Improvement School*, they are required after a length of time to offer supplemental services to parents.
- *Even Start*: Works to provide literacy services to families.
- *Reading First*: A competitive Federal grant. It’s a professional development grant and planning program.
- *Paraprofessional Teacher and Principal Training Qualifications*: To develop highly qualified teachers.
- *20th Century Grant*: Provides after school programs for children.
- *Assessment Results and State Progress*: Provides accommodations for students with disabilities. A new test and different standards will eventually be available for students who are unable to take the standard test (CAPP).
Impacts: Every school system is supposed to write a Local Education Plan. Districts have realized that looking at special education students is a very crucial part of the plan.

- The State model is called the *Academic Performance Index (API)* and is a growth model or indicator of a school’s progress and creates one testing system (The High School exit exam and State Standards test are examples of this). Currently grades 2-11 are tested annually. The test is a statewide progress objective.
Schools are attempting to score in the 800 range. Statewide there has been progress, particularly among subgroups of students.

- The Federal system has a target year of 2013/14 for all students to achieve a proficient level of achievement.

Meeting Adjourned – 1:47pm

Next meeting – April 23rd, 2004 from 11:30-1:30 at the Department of Social Services