

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

April 23, 2004

Meeting Notes
Quorum not met

Members	Present	Non-Member Participants
Alison Glassey - Social Services	X	Jamie Trillo - MCOE
Anne Oliver - Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission	X	Tammy Norris – Court Community Schools
Beth Martinez - Mental Health		Roxanna Usher – MCDSS
Bob McAlister - Probation Department	X	Diana Loretz – State Adoptions
Camille Schraeder - Child Abuse Prevention Committee	X	Brian McGuire – State Adoptions
Carol Mordhorst - Public Health		Jeff Warner – Safe Passage
Cindee Mayfield – Juvenile Court Judge	X	Jennie Vinyard – Parent Partner
Damon Dickinson - Special Education Local Plan Agency		Mimi Ellis - MCDSS
Denise Gorny - Local child care resource and referral agency		Sheryn Hildebrand - CASA
Dennis Ivey - Associate Superintendent, MCOE		Vicki Bitonti-Brown - Redwood Coast Regional Center
Hal Wagenet - Board of Supervisors		
John Knapp - Alliance for Rural Community Health		
Karin Wandrei - Mendocino County Youth Project	X	
Kevin Broin - Sheriff’s Office		
Lois Lockhart - Native American Representative	X	
Marta Hernandez - Latino Coalition		
Mary Elliott - Children’s Services	X	
Mary Nevarez - Redwood Valley Reservation, ICWA	X	
Moises Soria - MCDSS/Nuestra Casa		
Ned Walsh - Alcohol and Other Drugs Program	X	
Steve Lund - Superintendent’s Council		
Tami Mee - Youth Council Representative	X	

Open Meeting – 11:30am

Lois Lockhart served as Chair. The meeting was held in the Big Sur conference room at the Mendocino County Department of Social Services, Ukiah.

No Action was taken at this meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Introductions

- The Agenda for April 23, 2004 and the minutes from March 26, 2004 were not reviewed due to a lack of quorum.

Action Reports

- **Membership Update** – Alison Glassey
 - Community At-Large members are still needed.
 - Several groups have been specifically invited to attend the PCCY meetings in April, May and June to round out the recommended team members for the AB636 County Self Assessment Process (which PCCY has

agreed to be part of). These include State Adoptions, Community Development Commission, Parent Partners from the Children's System of Care (CSOC) and the Redwood Coast Regional Center.

- **Family Track Update** – Alison Glassey

Family Track is a collaborative pilot project in Willits serving families with children 0 to 5 years of age. Some of the agencies, programs and organizations collaborating in this effort include Early Start, Redwood Coast Regional Center, the County Office of Education, Public Health, AODP, Social Services and NCO. Funding for the project is from CalWORKs and a grant from the First 5 Commission. The project will be based out of the Willits Family Resource Center. Implementation is expected to be in late May or early June, with full marketing of the program in the Fall. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been developed for the collaboration as well as draft assessment and planning forms. Anyone having questions about the project should contact Michele Hansen at the Willits Family Resource Center.

- **WIB Youth Council Update** – Tami Mee

- A countywide youth summit for 200 youth will be held April 30th at Ridgewood Ranch, Willits. The summit is sponsored by the Youth Council, Social Services and the Mendocino County Office of Education and was coordinated by Eric Rowels from the Youth Leadership Institute. Inland, North County and Coastal planning meetings for students have already been held to gather topics and issues that they feel that should be addressed in their communities. Follow-up includes forming ideas for community service projects and other ways that they can improve their community for youth.
- The grant funding for Youth Port, which provides intensive services to at-risk youth is ending June 30th. WIA, AODP and Mental Health are looking for a way to continue to fund Youth Port, including looking at California Wellness Foundation grants.
- They are reviewing the contract for Workforce Investment services that WIA has with MPIC.
- This summer the Youth Work Program will be fixing up a County-donated facility in Willits.

- **The Youth Project** – Karin Wandrei

The Mendocino County Youth Project (MCYP) is requesting a letter of support from the Council for the next three-year cycle of the SHARE Crisis program. The program serves youth that are not already in the system, making 3,000 to 4,000 contacts a year. The program staff provides crisis counseling for students and group therapy and/or mediation sessions for youth and their families, such as Teen Alert and anger management. The program also provides temporary shelter for youth within the community, providing approximately 100 shelter placements per year. There are currently staff in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg.

- **Children's Services Redesign/AB636** – Roxanna Usher

The AB636 County Self-Assessment is due to the State June 30th. After 2004, submission of updates will be done annually. There will be five sections when complete. Section I is being presented to PCCY today. The other sections include:

Section II: Overall structure of the County and government structure.

Section III: Systemic factors (computer resources, etc).

Section IV: County-wide prevention activities and strategies.

Section IV on county-wide prevention activities needs a collaborative and inclusive process so suggestions from other agencies are encouraged.

Section V: Summary

The sections will be brought before PCCY for review and adoption.

With respect to the review of Section I, e-mail any changes, edits or comments to Roxanna. Rather than focusing on typographical and spelling errors, members were asked to focus on whether or not the material presented was clear and whether or not the information provided accurately portrays the County.

- Mary Elliott noted that some caution should be taken when reviewing the outcome data. When the Child Welfare Services data system, CWS/CMS, was implemented, counties were allowed to enter data their own way so data between counties is not consistent.
 - Lois suggested that the term to use for Native Americans in the self assessment report be “Tribal Affiliation.”
 - Roy Tindle suggested that the race definitions used in the 2000 census be used for consistency. However, these definitions cannot be correlated with the race definitions used in the CWS/CMS system.
 - Mary explained that the origin of the outcome data is the CWS/CMS system. This data is entered by Social Workers in DSS and then “cleaned” by U.C. Berkeley.
 - With respect to the outcome on social worker visits, Sheryn asked whether it refers to an individual social worker visiting a child or any social worker contact with a child. The answer is that it is any social worker contact with a child.
 - Diana Loretz said that State Adoption maintains information that they would be willing to share.
 - Diana questioned how the priorities for the report were identified. Alison explained that an open staff meeting was held and the tentative priority areas were selected at that meeting.
 - Ned expressed that it would be nice to include reasons why child abuse may be occurring (for example substance abuse).
- It was decided that the facilitated discussion on prevention strategies would be tabled until May’s meeting so that more meeting time could be devoted to the discussion and members could have a chance to look at Section I, providing them with more background, before the discussion.
- **No Child left Behind - Kay Heath**
 - Kay gave a brief review of the *No Child Left Behind* presentation she gave at March’s meeting and answered questions from the Council:
 - Roxanna expressed her concern that teachers may be teaching exclusively to the assessment as opposed to teaching skills. Kay said that teachers should be so that all students should be up to the standards.
 - Sheryn asked how the needs are met for students who meet or exceed the State standards. Kay responded that some schools have programs to address the needs of these students.
 - Camille asked about military recruiters being allowed to visit school campuses as they wish and follow-up with families as well. Karin said that most parents don’t know they have the choice to refuse, but schools have to notify parents of their rights.
 - Kay recommended that PCCY hold periodic updates on *No Child Left Behind*. Nancy Todd is our State connection and could be contacted for more information.
 - **Safe Schools/Healthy Students Poster Contest - Tammy Norris and Jamie Trillo**

Tammy Norris, representative from River School and the Court Community Schools, explained how the poster contest theme was “Good Parenting”. Poster Contest entries were presented in the Big Sur conference room and were judged by the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm

Next meeting: May 28th, 2004 in the Big Sur conference room, Mendocino County Department of Social Services.