



- One Community-At-Large position and the representative from the Latino Coalition position are vacant. The Prosecuting Attorney position is a long-term vacancy due to inability to fill.
- Alison explained that some positions are automatically renewed when there is a specific designation for that position, such as the Director of a required agency. Other seats are linked to representation of specific groups. These positions are filled by an application and nomination process. Individuals in these positions may resign and a replacement would be sought to match the requirements of the vacated position.

### **Election of Officers for 2005**

- Voting for the Election of Officers postponed due to a lack of quorum.
- Nominating process discussed. Those interested in the Chair and Vice Chair positions will have the opportunity to express their level of interest before the election.

### **Needs Assessment for Preparation of the 3-Year CAPIT/CBFRS Plan – Jill Singleton**

- The role of the Council in the development of the 3-Year Plan reviewed.
- The Council will vote on the top 3 priorities for the use of CAPIT and CBFRS funding. Priority setting must be within limits of allowable use of funds set by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP). Once PCCY, the Board and OCAP approve the plan, an RFP process will be initiated to contract for the services outlined in the plan.

### **Allowable Use of Funds**

- Allowable uses of funds and an overview of the needs of the Community were reviewed at the last PCCY meeting. Jill distributed a needs assessment matrix and a packet describing the allowable uses for the funds.
- All of the funding sources require that the funded programs address prevention of child abuse and neglect with community-based services, family resource and support programs and some specify that the agency providing services must be a private, non-profit agency. Last time the plan was developed PCCY confirmed that Family Resource Centers were the right avenue for providing these services.
- The CAPIT and CBFRS funds are usually combined and a separate funding plan is made for the PSSF funds. At a recent meeting, OCAP indicated that this coming year the plans for all three funding sources might be combined. At the County level, the funds are usually combined with some Children's Trust Fund monies before being disbursed. This is usually around \$191,000.

### **Priority Setting**

- The Council had set four priorities for the previous plan: Family Support Services, Recreation and After School Activities for At-Risk Children and Youth, Access to Services and Improved Coordination of Services.
- The Family Resource Centers are currently all providing family support services through the Family Empowerment Program, which includes parenting groups and a variety of parenting classes. The Resource Centers are also doing outreach services, childcare, providing information and transportation for people in outlying areas.
- The Youth Project is the only agency receiving funding that is not a Family Resource Center.
- Discussed and reviewed the needs assessment matrix. Linda Nagel had a correction to the Public Health Program column: The column should be separated into Prenatal Alcohol and Other Drug Use and Adolescent Alcohol and Other Drug Use.
- The vote is to determine priorities for development of the CAPIT/CBFRS Plan for funding cycle 2005–2008. All attending PCCY voted for their assessment of the top three needs in the County.
- Due to a tie, the vote produced four priorities: 1. Family Support Services/Family Resource Centers, 2. Alcohol and Other Substances, 3. Access to Services and Care 4. Domestic Violence.

### **Coordinated Program Reports**

### **MediCal Reinvestment Program Annual Report – Laura Baynham**

- Laura gave an overview of the MediCal Reinvestment Program Annual Report and a description of how the State allocated funds last year. The funds are intended to support positive health outcomes for students and their families. The funds come from the State to the District office and are then held until the applicant submits a plan with all appropriate agency signatures.
- There is a specific funding amount designated for each school district. The District office holds 10% of each district's funds for audit exceptions to be returned after three years.
- Laura passed around the signature page for the Commitment to Reinvest for all involved agencies to sign. Laura can be contacted for questions.

#### **Child Abuse Prevention Action Sub-Committee Report – Camille Schraeder**

- Committee priorities will be Public Relations and Parent Support. There will be a final structural and outreach meeting to finalize membership and decide meeting times. There will also be a discussion on a Child Abuse Prevention Month theme. Camille requested that a blank calendar be sent around at the February PCCY meeting so that members can get organized for Child Abuse Prevention month in April.
- The committee reviewed funding requests from the Children's Trust Fund for Laytonville Healthy Start and a banner for Child Abuse Prevention Month. The committee approved the requests and recommends PCCY approval. Due to a lack of quorum, the item will be voted on at the February meeting.
- The next CAPAC meeting is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Whole Child Conference Report – Jung Fitzpatrick**

- The response from those that attended was positive, even though turnout was low. Possible reasons for the low turnout were discussed, including limited representation on the Planning Committee, the lunch charge and accessibility/location issues. Organizers felt that the conference was a burden with a heavy workload and there was a lack of community support.
- Carol Ciraulo explained that it seems that the focus of the conference's target audience has changed. Alison suggested that the conference could be brought back to the schools, perhaps presenting it to MCOE as a project for them.
- PCCY supports the conference with funding through Child Abuse Prevention funds and collaborative partners in the community.
- Jung suggested that if agencies each sent a fiscal agent or if a Coordinator were hired to focus exclusively on the conference it might go better and maintain consistency in upcoming years. Agency representatives could then be used to recruit community members

#### **21<sup>st</sup> Century After School Grants Report – Carol Ciraulo**

- Carol gave an overview of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center's grant, Kudos for Kids After School Program, which is Federally funded and administered through the CA Department of Education.
- There are 4 components to the grant: a base grant, a grant for summer session or intersession programs, a direct access portion and a literacy portion. Programs run 5 days per week, 3 hours per day.
- A consortium of Superintendents, community based organizations and MCOE applied for 15 schools within 9 districts county-wide.
- The Department of Education split the grant into 2 different funding cohorts and provided funds to four sites first. Schools in the first round of funding included: Baechtel Grove Elementary, Point Arena Elementary, Brookside Elementary and Fort Bragg Middle School. Several schools began the school year without funding. Carol explained that distribution of reimbursements to schools that already have programs in place will begin soon, regardless of their Cohort status.
- Five school sites also applied for literacy services. Two have been funded, contracting with Nuestra Casa inland and Safe Passage on the Coast.

## **Announcements**

- Linda Nagel - The planning process for the Mendocino County Department of Public Health Action Plan will be starting in February with a focus on prenatal substance abuse. Anyone who wants to be on the invite list can let Linda know. Possible meeting dates are February 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or early March.
- Gary Hudson - The CA Department of Health Services was instructed by the legislature to develop a state-wide medical marijuana program. The program has changed and become a pilot program, which will be run out of Public Health. The way the statute, SB 420, is written the card will be very limited as to what information it can contain. Due to confidentiality laws, it will only have a photo and ID # of the cardholder (no name). Law enforcement will be able to identify the cardholder but only as to the card's validity. The cardholder cannot be arrested or charged as long as they are in possession of no more than what is in the statute. There are no age limitations. US Supreme Court is taking up Prop 215 and a decision is expected in March.
- Anne Oliver – The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is in a self-determination process. Alison suggested bringing the topic before PCCY. Alison also said that she met with the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council and they are talking about getting the Teen System of Care active within the county again. They were thinking of having a joint meeting with PCCY and this would be a good meeting for the JJDPC issues to be discussed. JJDPC does inspections of Juvenile Hall and group homes. The county is losing 2 group homes, Discovery House and Rocky Creek. Inspections of the new group home in Potter Valley will take place next month.
- Pat Meek – The English version of the Youth Yellow Pages is complete. There are currently 10,000 English copies and there will be 2,000 Spanish copies. MCOE is distributing to all high schools and alternative education programs. Social Services is responsible for distribution to the rest of the community. Contact Pat at Social Services, 463-7722, and Leslie Roberts at MCOE, 467-5060. The final cost was \$6,334, which Social Services has paid. Pat will be contacting those PCCY members that committed to share in the printing expense. The technicalities on billing will be figured out and Pat will let PCCY know. The rough draft of the Status Report on Children and Youth is complete and went out January 27<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting, for the specialists in each subject area to look at the data, will be the first week of February. It will then be brought in draft form to the February PCCY meeting. The final draft will be brought to PCCY in March.

**Meeting adjourned** – 1:45pm

**Next meeting** – February 25, 2005