

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

**April 22, 2005**

**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Non-Member Participants</b>
Damon Dickinson - Special Education Local Plan Agency		Jill Singleton – MCDSS
Mary Elliott - Children’s Services		Julie Silverstein – Action Network
Alison Glassey - Social Services		Janet Kukulinsky – Action Network
Denise Gorny - Local child care resource and referral agency	<b>X</b>	Cathy Frey – ARCH
Gary Hudson - Sheriff’s Office	<b>X</b>	Tricia Guntly – Probation
Dennis Ivey - Associate Superintendent, MCOE		Sheryn Hildebrand – CASA
Dianne Lawrence – Community At-Large Member	<b>X</b>	Steve Prochter – MCDSS, Acting Director
Lois Lockhart - Native American Representative		Polly Palecek – AODP
Steve Lund - Superintendent’s Council		Judith Tauber – AODP/PH
Judge Cindee Mayfield – Juvenile Court Judge		Pat Meek – MCDSS
Tami Mee - Youth Council Representative	<b>X</b>	Lori Lundquist – MCDSS
Anne Molgaard - Community At-Large Member	<b>X</b>	
Carol Mordhorst - Public Health	<b>X</b>	
Mary Nevarez - Redwood Valley Reservation, ICWA		
Anne Oliver -Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission	<b>X</b>	
Beth Robey - Mental Health	<b>X</b>	
Camille Schraeder - Child Abuse Prevention Committee		
Moisés Soria - MCDSS/Nuestra Casa	<b>X</b>	
Roy Tindle – Community Development Commission	<b>X</b>	
Jennie Vinyard – Community At-Large Member	<b>X</b>	
Hal Wagenet - Board of Supervisors		
Karin Wandrei - Mendocino County Youth Project	<b>X</b>	

**Open Meeting** – 11:45 am

**Open Meeting/Call to Order**

- Introductions
- Reviewed Consent Items

**Consent Items**

**Council Business**

Motion to approve the March 25, 2005, Consent Items. Seconded. Passed.

- **April 22, 2005 Agenda**
- **March 25, 2005 Minutes**
- **Membership**  
*(Confirm nomination of **Cathy Frey**, Director of Alliance for Rural Community Health to fill the representative of rural health clinics slot. Confirm nomination of **Tricia Guntly**, Interim Chief, Mendocino County Probation to fill the “Person responsible for management of Probation” slot.)*
- **Approve Changes to PCCY By-Laws**
- **2005 Status Report on Children and Youth**

■ **CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF Three-Year Plan** – Jill Singleton

The sub-committee (Jill, Anne Oliver, Camille Schraeder, Sheryn Hildebrand) submitted their draft Three-Year Plan. At this point, the allocations are unknown. The Committee was requesting feedback and approval to go ahead.

Sheryn Hildebrand requested a budget breakdown of the Children's Trust Fund money when it is available (in about 2 months).

Conflict of interest was questioned in regards to voting. It was decided that staff members of a Family Resource Center (FRC), a FRC Board Member, or anyone who feels uncomfortable voting would recuse themselves. Some language suggestions were made so that applicants would note if the funds were to help them leverage other funds. And, the location of Risk Management was corrected.

Motion to approve the work the Committee has done to date in regards to the direction they're moving and that they proceed with seeking approval from the Department of Social Services to release the RFP in a timely manner. Seconded. Approved. Anne Oliver and Moises Soria abstained.

**Break**

**Jennie Vinyard** shared her Potter Valley High School graduating class T-Shirt. A drawing of the students in Alice in Wonderland costume adorned the front of a turquoise T. She said that they were being sold for \$10.00 each.

**Standing Committee Report**

■ **Children's Action Committee (CAC)**

Sheryn reported that all that had been planned, and more, had been done for Child Abuse Prevention Month. At the Family Expo event children's hands will be traced onto fabric. The handprints will be cut out and a quilt will be made.

Anne reported that the Status Report on Children and Youth presentation to the Board of Supervisors was completed. People were brought to hold placards to represent 1000 children and then stood up to represent the numbers being discussed. The presentation garnered many comments from the Board. It was deemed a memorable presentation.

Pat Meek submitted a request for Children's Trust Fund funding to pay Redwood Children's Services for child abuse prevention awareness activities during the 2004/2005 fiscal year in the amount of \$1409.19. They purchased T-shirts, posters, pins and wristbands on behalf of the Children's Action Committee.

Motion to pay Redwood Children's Services \$1409.19 for the items purchased for use for Child Abuse Prevention Month and throughout the year. Seconded. Approved. Moises Soria abstained.

**Facilitated Discussion – PCCY Direction/Format** – Anne Molgaard

The Steering Committee recommended a discussion to evaluate PCCY direction, meeting format, and the status of the Coordinated Children's Services Three-Year Plan. The Plan worked on by the Council was never finalized.

Anne provided three key questions and asked the members and guests to provide answers. The answers will be compiled and returned to the next meeting for continued discussion.

- 1) Why do you attend PCCY meetings?
- 2) Topics/Issues that are most important.
- 3) Best meeting format

Anne also requested comments on the Three-Year Plan.

### **Announcements and Other Business/Public Testimony**

**Anne Molgaard** shared that she had received a few calls regarding the Whole Child Conference (which has been subtitled "The Effects of Health on Student Learning") from people interested in the nutrition and fitness theme. She said that they want to do it only if there is the energy and professionalism behind it to make it successful. Anne Oliver recommended that the conference touch on some controversial topics around child immunization to draw interest.

Also, TV Turn-Off starts Sunday. Contact her office if you want any of the material for this event.

**Denise Gorny** related that some staff had gone to a SPARK (Sports Play and Active Recreation for Kids) training. The word for the weekend was "Active."

**Carol Mordhorst** noted that they have not found an AOD administrator. The Community Hiring Committee did not recommend any of the current applicants. She is looking for someone strong in management skills, vision, and leadership as opposed to having in-depth drug and alcohol knowledge. The job information is on the County website.

**Dianne Lawrence** announced that Sheryn Hildebrand was one of a group that won a MCOVY award for her work in Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Sheryn challenged all to set aside one hour a week for a child. Dianne gave a glowing report of the winners but did note that it had been hard to find youth volunteers.

**Moises Soria** informed us that Nuestra Casa has some discount prescription cards available. People could get prescriptions for a reduced cost.

**Karin Wandrei** announced that they have been working hard to recruit a therapist to work with children. They have just made an offer to someone from the coast who is a licensed therapist with a lot of experience. They are waiting to hear back from the candidate.

The Youth Project's Passages, which is done on behalf of juvenile drug court, is an intensive outpatient treatment program for kids who are in juvenile drug court. 85-90% of the kids in juvenile drug court go through Passages. After 4 years their national funding ran out. The last couple of years they have gotten by on what they can scrape together. They are running out of

funds and need to find more to pay for services to non-Medi-Cal kids. The reality is that if they cannot fund the program then the juvenile drug court will be gone. Probation has continued to designate an officer to the program even though there's no specific grant funding for that, and Karin thanks them. They do have a grant application along with AODP, however only 8 awards will be handed out nationwide.

**Carol Mordhorst** announced the Ukiah Valley Recreation and Cultural Center received notification that they will be receiving a grant for \$650,000 - \$400,000 of which is match. They will be trying to get funds for the match to draw down the grant. They will be focusing on outreach; get the kids enrolled, keep them enrolled and teach them how to use health insurance so they see the benefit of it. Then, they will be doing some work to fund-raise in order to insure all children in the County.

**Pat Meek** announced that the Status Report has been posted on the PCCY website and has gone to printing. Hard copies will be available from us and we have a mailing list for sending the reports. If you find changes, send the information to Pat; there are two years until the next report to find the data.

**Denise Gorny** announced Ukiah Valley Recreation and Cultural Center will be having a big open house. They are selling tiles for \$1000 or \$2000 to raise funds.

**Judith Tauber** worked on the juvenile drug court grant. It was a good application for 1.2 million to fund all three locations for juvenile drug court. Hopefully, they will be one of the 8 chosen nationwide. It would start in October.

**Meeting adjourned** – 1:45pm

**Next meeting** – May 27, 2005