

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

Jan 16, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Members	Present		Non-Members
	Yes	No	
Don Armstrong - FBUSD	X		Zoy Kazan
Morgaine Colston - Community Member, NCO		X	Carole Aleshire
Todd Crabtree – CDC		X	Jill Singleton
Damon Dickinson - MCOE	X		Tari Rogers
Mary Elliott – HHSA/Mental Health	X		Natalie Swiencki
Wesley Forman – Probation	X		
Cathy Frey – ARCH	X		
Denise Gorny - NCO	X		
Patricia Guntly – HHSA/AODP	X		
Sheryn Hildebrand - Community Member, CASA	X		
Gary Hudson - MCOS	X		
Dennis Ivey - MCOE	X		
Meredith Lintott - DA		X	
Anne Molgaard - Community Member, First 5		X	
Linda Nagel, HHSA/CHS	X		
Mary Nevarez - ICWA		X	
John Pinches - BOS		X	
Tanya Ridino - Latino Coalition		X	
Camille Schraeder – Children’s Action Committee		X	
Moisés Soria - Nuestra Casa	X		
Lisa Vance - Community Member, Parent Volunteer	X		
Julie Vedolla-Fuentes – Native American Community	X		
Karin Wandrei - Youth Project	X		
Laura Welter - Youth Council, MCCAPC	X		By Phone
Becky Wilson – HHSA/Family and Children’s Services	X		
Susana Wilson – HHSA/SSB		X	

Open Meeting/Call to Order

- ◆ Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Gary Hudson.

Introductions/Roll call

- ◆ Introductions were done immediately after the meeting was called to order.

Chairperson established quorum at 2:05 p.m.

PCCY/CAPC Action

Consent Items—Action/Approve

Agenda

- ◆ The January 16, 2009, agenda was considered.

Minutes

- ◆ The December 5, 2008, minutes were considered.

A motion was made by Denise Gorney to approve the January 2009 agenda and December 2008 minutes. Seconded by Dennis Ivey. Approved unanimously.

Action Items—PCCY/CAPC members

- ◆ **CTF—Children’s Trust Fund- Action/Approve**

A motion was made by Sheryn Hildebrand to add the \$3,000 set aside from the CTF to the money left over from the recent trainings provided about the effects of alcohol and drugs on the adolescent brain. The combined funds could then be used for a follow-up workshop that dealt with adolescent issues. The Children’s Action Committee would take responsibility for coordinating this. Sheryn volunteered CASA to be the fiscal agent for the funds. Seconded by Patricia Guntly. Approved unanimously.

All items requiring quorum were considered and handled by 2:22 p.m. with quorum present.

Presentations

- ◆ **First 5 Mendocino**

Natalie Swiencki, Communications and Public Education Advocate, presented the First 5 Mendocino 2007-2008 Annual Report . Their accomplishments for the year included: access to affordable health coverage and dental care for Mendocino County children; funding to public playgrounds; training for more than 200 local child care providers in the SPARK program (Sports, Play and Active Recreation for kids); Indoor smoke-free play space during the summer fires; parenting education and support through Raise and Shine for families with children ages 0-5; and funding to local family resource centers to name a few.

PCCY/CAPC Business

◆ **Conducting Meetings—*Discussion***

Gary Hudson, PCCY/CAPC Chair, discussed the necessity for remaining focused on the priorities identified in the PCCY/CAPC Three Year Plan. Our agendas reflect these issues. We should review the current agenda to be prepared for the issues at hand. When we agree on priorities we should stick to them unless, we as a group agree, they need to be reexamined.

◆ **Child Abuse Prevention Month— *Discussion***

Members discussed possible presentation topics. Mary Elliott noted that in the past Child Welfare Services staff have provided the coordination of a PCCY/CAPC presentation and resolution to the Board of Supervisors and a luncheon for the Board of Supervisors to highlight some topic related to Child Abuse Prevention. With budget cuts, Child Welfare Services will be unable to provide the same level of support for this annual project. The membership agreed to making a presentation and resolution to the Board of Supervisors. Camille Schraeder, Laura Welter and Sheryn Hildebrand were designated to work on the details of the presentation to the Board on behalf of the PCCY/CAPC. The membership also agreed to make the presentation to each of the City Councils during April as well. Child Welfare Services staff who support PCCY/CAPC will handle the scheduling.

PCCY/CAPC Status Reports

◆ **Children's Action Committee Status Report**

Sheryn Hildebrand, reported that the committee has decided on a general plan to strengthen FRC relationships with local schools. CAC will focus on assisting FRCs in helping our schools achieve their goals. CAC meets on the first Thursday of every month and is open to everyone.

◆ **HHSA Budget**

Carmel Angelo, HHSA Director, brought us up-to-date on our current county budget issues. HHSA currently holds a 2million dollar shortfall. We face layoffs of 20 positions specifically in Social Services, and mandatory time off without pay to meet our 2million dollar shortfall. Carmel is proposing a 36 work week, closing on Fridays and closing our mental health crisis unit at night, converting it to on-call only status.

Other Business and Public Testimony

- ◆ Linda Nagel, from Public Health, reported on the Maternal Child / Adolescent Programs' 5 year needs assessment. They will focus on reviewing the health status for the past 5 years and the systems ability to assess 10 essential services. Their first meeting is on 2/26/09 from 9:30am – 3:30pm in the Public Health conference room #1. They will discuss health status indicators and priorities. Their following meetings will be held on 3/26/09 and 4/30/09, with a topic of discussion on capacity assessment. Childcare and food will be available.

- ◆ Karen Wandrei, from Youth Projects, reported on the funding for their transitional living program available to homeless youth ages 18-21. They applied for another 5 years of funding and were granted the maximum amount.

- ◆ Gary Hudson announced his appointment as Interim Human Resources Director for our county. The Civil Service Commission is looking for community members in districts 1 and 4 to apply. Applications can be completed online.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at: 3:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 20, 2009, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.