



Lake County Child Care Planning Council

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Lake County Child Care Planning Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2009, 6:30p.m.

DSS Conference Room

15975 Anderson Ranch Parkway, Lower Lake

- **Call To Order:** 6:34pm; Laurie Daly, Co-Chair
- **Introductions:**
 - Present: Ester Gould*, Rani Browne, Kim Gentle*, Tracie Thill*, Tom Jordan*, Joann Matz*, Pat Hubbard, Michele Tarry*, Cindy Adams*, Laurie Daly*, Shelly Mascari, Cheryl Graves, Bonnie Bonnett*, Joy Swartz*, Katrina McDonnell*
 - *Denotes voting member
 - Members Absent: Christine Bartholomew, Julie Blevins, Jamie Castaldo, Louise Garrison, Racheal Breeze-Harmon, Gina Griffin, Molly Keithly, Elaine Robinson, Chris Thomas
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
 - A job announcement was shared for a Child Care Health Advocate/Early Intervention Specialist position with Easter Seals. An Ages and Stages Developmental Screening training will be held for pediatric staff at Redbud Adventist Clinic. Information about the annual Verna Morris fundraiser was shared.
 - A three day CalSac training for after school staff will be held February 25-27, 2009. Professional growth hours will be available
 - Samples of available resources at the LPC Resource Library were shared. A catalog of all available resources is on the Council's website.
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
 - None
- **Public Expression:**
 - Big Valley Preschool has applied for a three-year Health Resource and Service Administration grant. If received it will allow for expansion of services at Big Valley Preschool. Impacts of the First 5 grant received five years ago and some of the services offered at Big Valley Preschool were shared.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
 - A correction was noted to the November minutes regarding the omission of Chris Thomas from the list of those present. Tom moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Joann seconded. Michele abstained. Motion carried.
- **Business:**
 - Week of the Young Child Planning/Child Abuse Prevention Month:



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Week of the Young Child will be held April 13-19, 2009 coinciding with Child Abuse Prevention month. Ideas were shared for Council support including inviting a member of the Board of Supervisors to attend preschool for a day, running a series of articles in the newspaper during the Week of the Young Child, and coordinating with the activities being planned by Lesa Serrano at Lakeport Preschool. Shelly will keep the Council informed of activities being planned and opportunities for the Council to be involved. Discussion was held on previous Week of the Young Child activities.

- **Provider Appreciation Planning:**
Discussion was held on changing the direction of Provider Appreciation Night to an awards show to honor quality providers and tie in with the development of an alternative quality rating system. A work group meeting will be scheduled next week for further discussion and development of the Steps to Quality rating scale program.
- **AB212 Update:**
Approximately twelve applicants completed the requirements for a fall semester stipend. Greater interest is being shown for the spring semester. New program materials will be distributed soon.
- **Desired Results Review and Update:**
Shelly has created a draft document of all early care and education services in Lake County expanding on the previously developed matrix. Included programs will receive a form to complete about their program's services. The final document will be available in booklet form and on the Council's website. A meeting for the newsletter workgroup is being scheduled. Shelly will have a demonstration of the child care map for Lake County showing available care, ages served, etc., at the February meeting. The map will work with the quality rating system being developed. Under Desired Result #3, the Council has been asked to spearhead the Preschool for All Plan for Lake County. Discussion was held on creating a separate council for the plan which would include local business owners, members of the early care and education community, and other agencies that would be affected by the plan. Shelly will bring information about what is being done in other counties for the Council to review and members will bring suggestions for community member participation to the February meeting. Regarding improved linkages with providers, Joann is focusing on strengthening the Provider Association. This item will remain a Desired Result action item, but will move down in terms of priority. The training calendar on the Council website is being regularly updated and allowing for training collaboration in the



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community. Members can contact Shelly for access to the calendar to add their events. The reimbursement rate study was discussed as an element of the Preschool for All plan. Shelly will request information on other county's plans in regards to this item. Reimbursement rate questions to look at include who is involved in setting the rates and what influence the Council can have on this issue. The suggestion of looking into the feasibility of extended use of centers was tabled at this time.

- **Program Reports:**

- **Coordinator's Report:**

- Photos of the "Dreams and Wishes" tree were shared. Discussion was held on how the Council could expand on this theme for future activities. A stress management workshop for early care and education professionals will be held in February at Sutter Lakeside Wellness Center. A fee of \$10 will apply those not employed by a state funded center. Samples of the Family Resource Guide were shared. Shelly is putting together a consortium from the community for future guides. Membership was discussed in regards to term ends and possible openings on the Council. Shelly has drafted a letter-to-editor in response to a recently published letter from the Lakeport Chief of Police regarding the importance of early care and education. The Chief of Police's letter was read and Shelly's draft response was reviewed. Regarding the quality statement discussed at the book club, Shelly will compile statements from other LPCs for the Council to review.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- MCAH: Second Thursday of the month; 8:30am; Mendo Lake Credit Union
 - First 5: February 5, 2009; 1:00pm; Annual Retreat, 1:30pm; Tallman Hotel, Upper Lake

- **Next LPC Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2009; 6:30-8:00pm; LCOE Kesey Room, 1152 S Main St, Lakeport**

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm; Michele seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.