



Lake County Child Care Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2010, 6:30p.m.

LCOE Kesey Room

1152 South Main Street, Lakeport

- **Call To Order:** 6: 39p.m.; Laurie Daly, Co-Chair
- **Introductions:**
Present: Shelly Mascari, Tom Jordan, Joann Matz*, Louise Garrison*, Kim Gentle*, Christine Bartholomew*, Cheryl Graves, Katie Mansell, Katrina Hickey, Debbie Ussery, Rosario Morris, Conan McKay, Gloria Bradford, Katrina McDonnell*, Joy Swartz*, Corrine Rourke, Michelle Holliday, Michele Tarry*, Laurie Daly*
*Denotes voting member
Members Absent: Cindy Adams, Vicki Hays, Tracie Thill, Bonnie Bonnett, Racheal Breeze-Harmon, Ester Gould, Gina Griffin, Elaine Robinson, Chris Thomas
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
None
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
None
- **Public Expression:**
Christine has made several trips to the Lake County jail to outreach and provide resources to families there and shared information about her experiences. Christine expressed interest in obtaining LPC ID Badges and raised the issue of transportation from the jail.
- **Approval of Minutes:**
Katrina moved to approve the November meeting minutes; Michele seconded. Louise, Christine and Kim abstained. Motion carried.
- **Resource Library:**
Items from the Resource Library were highlighted including: *Going Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings*; *Does Your Team Work? Ideas for Bringing Your Staff Together*; and samples of die cut bookmarks.
- **Member Updates:**
An ECERS training, given by Thelma Harms, will be held at Yuba College on April 25, 2010 with one unit of credit available. The UC Davis School Readiness series will begin this Saturday if at least seven participants are registered. Classes in the series are free, with one-half unit of credit available. Nurturing Parenting classes are beginning at the Lake County jail and First 5 will be launching a media campaign this summer on reducing the amount of time that children spend watching television. The Family Child Care Association will meet on Monday, January 25, 2010. Katrina McDonnell and Conan McKay will be in attendance. Lake Family Resource Center is holding Nurturing Parenting classes designed for parents of adolescent children. Dates, times and locations were shared. The Toddler House and, Learning House office have moved to the new location on Burns Valley Road. There are openings at the Hillcrest House. The REAEYC Winter Workshop will be held next weekend and a REAEYC social will be



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held on March 4, 2010. A Director's dinner will be held February 19, 2010 at Lucerne State Preschool for which flyers will soon be mailed.

- **Program Reports:**

Volunteer Network, Debbie Ussery:

Debbie Ussery gave a presentation on the Lake County Volunteer Network including features of their website, and how individuals and organizations can participate. The primary function of the site is to match volunteers with volunteer opportunities. Handouts were shared on the Volunteer Network as well as their website, 1-800-Volunteer.org.

- **Business:**

- **Bylaws Revisions:**

An overview was given on the proposed changes to the bylaws presented at November's meeting. Louise moved to approve the revisions to the bylaws; Joy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **In-Kind Updates:**

Cheryl will be sending out Individual In-Kind Statements for updates.

- **Public Policy Platform Approval:**

Shelly presented a revised version of the Public Policy Platform and time for review was allowed. Louise moved to accept the Lake County Child Care Public Policy Platform; Michele seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **ECE Award Program:**

Discussion was held about adding a category for Center of the Year to recognize an entire center, rather than an individual. Consensus was in favor of the addition; discussion followed regarding the prizes that would be associated with the center award. Suggestions were given for minor changes to the nomination forms, which will begin to be distributed in February.

- **Award Dinner/Provider Night:**

This year's theme will be "Catching Fireflies" and members were asked to help seek donations to fund the event. The location will be at Moore Family Winery and discussion was held on charging \$10 for attendance at the event due to limited funding. This discussion was tabled until March to see how much funding becomes available through donation requests. Initial planning is to extend the evening to include music and dancing after the dinner. Gift bag suggestions were given.

- **Week of the Young Child Planning:**

Shelly and Katrina will be working together to organize a walk-for-quality in Lakeport. Suggestions were made for combing the walk with other events happening in the month of April including child abuse prevention awareness. A paper doll campaign was discussed as an additional way to raise awareness and would involve paper dolls decorated by Lake County's children to be displayed in the windows of local businesses. Shelly and Katrina will be putting together a committee to work on the event.

- **Program Reports:**

- **Steps to Leadership:**



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Joann and Shelly are meeting with all participants in the program to review and update their plans if necessary and are receiving positive feedback about the workshops. Shelly and Joann will give a further report at the February meeting.

- **Coordinator's Report:**

Shelly gave a presentation on the Governor's Budget Proposal including federal revenue triggers and potential effects to ECE programs, First 5, and licensing. Federal funding and policy highlights were shared as well as information about Early Learning Challenge grants and Race to the Top grant. A link regarding a bill for the Food Program was shared: www.nwlc.org. Lake Family Resource Center referral forms for programs available in Lake County were shared.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- MCAH: Second Thursday of the month; 8:30am; Mendo Lake Credit Union
- First 5: January 27, 2010; 2:30pm; New Beginnings, Clearlake
- REAEYC Winter Workshop: January 30, 2010
- Steps to Leadership Discussion Panel: Navigating the Labyrinth of Child Development Funding; February 4, 2010; 6:00-9:00pm (*This workshop has since been cancelled.*)
- Steps to Leadership Discussion Panel: A Living Lake County Resource Guide; February 16, 2010; 4:00pm-7:00pm (*This workshop has since been changed to "Outlook, Attitude and Energy—Time for a Shot in the Arm!"; 6:00-9:00pm; LCOE Kesey Room, Lakeport.*)

- **Next LPC Meeting:** February 18, 2010; 6:30-8:00pm; Yuba College Room 908; 15880 Dam Road Extension, Clearlake

Louise moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm; Joann seconded. Meeting adjourned.