

**Lake County Child Care Planning Council
Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2012, 6:30p.m.
Lake County Office of Education
1152 S Main Street, Lakeport

- **Call To Order:** 6:42p.m.; Sara Brucker, Co-chair
- **Introductions:**
Present: Sara Brucker*, Brandy Perry*, Kim Gentle*, Mary Prather*, Cheryl Graves, Shelly Mascari, Angela Cuellar*, Michele Dibble
*Denotes voting member
Members Absent: Louise Garrison, Cassandra Johnson, Bonnie Bonnett, Cindy Adams, Laurie Daly, Gina Griffin, Christine Bartholomew, Rosario Morris, Gloria Bradford
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
None
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
None
- **Public Expression:**
None
- **Approval of Minutes:**
No Quorum
- **Program Updates:**
Easter Seals is experiencing an increase in their caseload and may be hiring an Early Interventionist. Qualifications were reviewed should the position become available. Donations are needed for the Verna Morris travel fund. Referrals are needed for Early Head Start for both program enrollment and the wait list. Requests for child care referrals were down significantly in the month of October though they have increased in November. A new family child care home has opened in the Clearlake area, as well as several in Lakeport. Changes in CalWORKS participation requirements will be implemented in January. Current requirements and those to be implemented in January were reviewed. The Learning House is full and has a large waiting list.
- **Business:**
 - Membership Application:
No Quorum
 - Master Plan Action Items:
Each Desired Result and the corresponding action items were reviewed. Discussion was held to determine if any action items should be changed, removed, or added. The following suggestions were made:
Desired Result #1 - Change the Child Care Fair to Early Childhood Education Outreach at Back to School Nights and Kindergarten Roundups. Suggestions were made for what materials to include at these events.
Desired Result #2 - Offer a stipend for the collection and compilation of the updated data for the Family Resource Guide. Implement strategies to increase the number of "likes" on the LPC's Facebook page.
Desired Result #3 –Consider offering a stipend, to be split with the Children's Council, for the organization of the April advocacy events. Create a yearly news article calendar.
Desired Result #4 – Consider utilizing resources to complete an Economic Impact Report, rather than an expanded version of the Needs Assessment as the council is in compliance

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with the current Needs Assessment, and an Economic Impact Report may be more useful at the this time.

A final vote on all action items will be held at the January meeting.

○ **Program Reports:**

○ Steps to Quality:

A list of CAPP DVD trainings was shared for consideration of additional spring workshops. Members were asked to indicate which workshops they felt would be most beneficial and return to Shelly. A new CARES Plus RFA will be released in the spring. Counties have been asked to provide input on what worked well for implementation in their county, unique features of their programs, lessons learned, and ideas for improving CARES Plus. A current stipend estimate for this year's S2Q program was shared. First 5 will be conducting a county needs survey.

○ Coordinator's Report:

The voter registration grant is nearing completion. One of the final projects of the grant was to send a list of questions to all candidates on local ballots for their opinion on issues affecting early care and education. Many felt the information gathered was valuable and may be something to consider for future elections. A description was given for the Children's Movement, an effort to organize individuals and organizations who advocate for children, into a unified voice. Support for the Children's Movement simply indicates being in favor of children being a top priority for policymakers. A vote will be held at the January meeting on whether the council should join the Children's Movement. Council membership is down in all but one category. Promotional membership flyers were shared. The Superintendents of Lake and Mendocino counties met recently to discuss opportunities for collaboration between the two counties. A future joint meeting may be scheduled for the Lake and Mendocino County LPCs.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2013; 6:30-8:00pm; Yuba College Clear Lake Campus, 15880 Dam Rd Ext., Clearlake

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.