



# Lake County Child Care Planning Council

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## Lake County Child Care Planning Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2009, 6:30p.m.

DSS Conference Room

15975 Anderson Ranch Parkway, Lower Lake

- **Call To Order:** 6:34pm; Gina Griffin, Co-Chair
- **Introductions:**
  - Present: Michele Tarry\*, Sara Brucker, Cindy Adams\*, Kim Gentle\*, Ester Gould\*, Katrina McDonnell\*, Mary Prather, Laurie Daly\*, Gina Griffin\*, Bonnie Bonnett\*, Joy Swartz\*, Gloria Bradford, Shelly Mascari, Cheryl Graves
  - \*Denotes voting member
  - Members Absent: Christine Bartholomew, Julie Blevins, Racheal Breeze-Harmon, Louise Garrison, Joann Matz, Elaine Robinson, Tracie Thill, Chris Thomas
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
  - Early Head Start has an opening for a full-time teacher.
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
  - None
- **Public Expression:**
  - None
- **Approval of Minutes:**
  - Katrina moved to approve the January minutes; Kim seconded the motion. Michele, Cindy, Gina and Laurie abstained. Motion carried.
- **Resource Library:**
  - Five items from the Resource Library were highlighted.
- **Business:**
  - Zip Code Priorities:  
Handouts were shared and discussed for the 2009 Zip Code Priorities. Shelly gave an overview including new requirements, calculations, data gathering processes, uses for priorities, and the approval process. Two corrections were noted including an increase in the number of available child care spaces at Upper Lake Head Start to forty and an additional twenty-eight latchkey spaces in Lower Lake. Shelly explained that the addition of the Lower Lake spaces may change the area to a priority two and that due to the lack of available child care in Hidden Valley Lake, the area is listed as a priority one. Additionally, Shelly explained that the LPC zip code priorities will be looked at should federal stimulus funds become available. Michele moved to approve the zip code priorities with the



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amendments of the additional twenty-eight latchkey spaces in Lower Lake and the increase in the Upper Lake Head Start spaces to forty; Katrina seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Membership application:**  
Vicki Hays' application for membership was reviewed by the council. Laurie moved to accept the application from Vicki for council membership; Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **AB212 Program Changes:**  
Shelly reviewed discussion from preliminary AB212 plan change meetings. Past and current program requirements and participation were shared as well as suggested changes to improve program effectiveness and participation. Discussion was held on the potential impact to AB212 with the elimination of the CARES program as well as ways to continue to serve the population currently served by CARES. Three suggested changes to the AB212 program were reviewed including eliminating the Professional Growth Advisor requirement, allowing professional growth hours to be stipend applicable and allowing advocacy hours to be stipend applicable. Joy moved to approve the three suggested changes; Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Desired Results Update:**  
A handout listing desired result activities was shared and discussed. The "Ask the Council" feature on the website will be removed and replaced with the new Child Care Map. A demonstration was given on the capabilities of the new map including locations of child care centers around the lake, demographic information for towns and cities, and specific site information for centers. The Early Care and Education Matrix will be reviewed at the April meeting. Discussion was held on the newsletter which will have a target release date of fall 2009 and will be available online only until funds become available for printing. Email notification will be sent for an upcoming quality rating system meeting.
- **Quality Statement Review:**  
Copies of quality statements from other counties throughout California were shared. Members were asked to review the statements and bring comments and suggestions for Lake County's statement to the April meeting.
- **ECE Awards Program/Provider Appreciation Night:**  
Shelly shared plans for ECE Awards/Provider Appreciation Night including catering, facility, decoration, gift ideas and entertainment. Award nomination forms are available throughout the county, on the website and will be advertised in local newspapers and be available in



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Spanish soon. Invitations were reviewed by the council and will include a map to the event.

- **Program Reports:**
  - **Coordinator's Report:**

Fliers were shared for Week of the Young Child activities being coordinated by Lesa Serrano as well as a press release for the event. Plans for the Preschool for All taskforce were discussed including steering committee, meeting location, invitation list and planning outline. Members were asked to review and provide feedback to Shelly. Materials for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month were shared and will be available through the Children's Council. Shelly has begun initial planning for this year's update to the Needs Assessment. Discussion was held about coordination of trainings throughout the county.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - MCAH: Second Thursday of the month; 8:30am; Mendo Lake Credit Union
  - First 5: March 25, 2009; 1:30pm; Lake County Career Center, Lakeport
- **Next LPC Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2009; 6:30-8:00pm; LCOE Kesey Room, 1152 South Main Street, Lakeport**

Bonnie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm; Laurie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.