



Lake County Child Care Planning Council

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Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2010, 6:30p.m.

LCOE Kesey Room

1152 South Main Street, Lakeport

- **Call To Order:** 6:37p.m.; Gina Griffin, Co-Chair
- **Introductions:**
Present: Shelly Mascari, Rachael Jorgenson, Christine Bartholomew*, Sara Brucker, Mary Prather, Crystal Kerns, Bonnie Bonnett*, Kim Gentle*, Joy Swartz*, Vicki Hays*, Brandy Perry, Rani Browne, Corrine Rourke, Rosario Morris, Alisa Bloom, Katie Mansell, Louise Garrison*, Cheryl Graves, Racheal Breeze-Harmon*
*Denotes voting member
Members Absent: Cindy Adams, Laurie Daly, Ester Gould, Joann Matz, Katrina McDonnell, Michele Tarry, Chris Thomas
- **Announcements/Correspondence:**
There will be a hat making party for the April advocacy walk on March 25, 5:30pm at Lakeport Head Start. NCO is hosting a series of UC Davis classes, free to participants, the next one being March 27 at 9:00am at NCO in Lakeport.
- **Additions to the Agenda:**
None
- **Public Expression:**
None
- **Approval of Minutes:**
A correction was noted to the February minutes regarding Louise Garrison's omission from the list of members absent. Louise moved to approve the January minutes; Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried. Louise moved to approve the February minutes as amended; Joy seconded. Motion carried.
- **Resource Library:**
Two books from the Resource Library were shared including *Early Childhood Workshops that Work* and *Team Building Activities for Every Group*.
- **Member Updates:**
Ester Gould will be retiring from DSS. Rachael Jorgenson, Program Analyst for Social Services, Employment Services, will be attending future Planning Council meetings. Easter Seals is continuing with developmental screenings and trainings, and will be involved with Week of the Young Child events. The Learning House is in need of substitute teachers. First 5 will be having a booth at the children's art fair on April 10. Lake Family Resource Center's women and children's center has opened in Kelseyville. This will be the last year for LCOE's school readiness home visitation program.
- **Business:**
 - Membership Applications:



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Shelly gave a review of the recently added membership categories. Sara Brucker has applied for voting membership and Christine Bartholomew has applied for an additional three-year membership term. Advisory membership applications have been received from Gloria Bradford, Brandy Perry and Nina Marino. General Membership applications have been received from Corrine Rourke, Shirley Littleton, Katrina Hickey, Katie Mansell and Rosario Morris. Time was allowed for review of the applications. Vicki moved to nominate Sara Brucker for voting membership on the Council; Christine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joy moved to nominate Christine Bartholomew for an additional membership term; Louise seconded. Christine abstained. Motion carried. Louise moved to approve Gloria, Brandy and Nina as advisory members; Christine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Christine moved to approve Corrine, Shirley, Katrina, Katie and Rosario as general members; Louise seconded. Motion carried.

- **ECE Awards/Provider Appreciation:**

An ECE Awards committee meeting will be held Monday, March 22 at 3:00 at the Lower Lake LPC office. Shelly indicated that those unable to attend could still be involved via email. Thanks were given to Louise, Joy and Laurie for their efforts in seeking donations for the event. Shelly shared that while donations are still needed, we have received enough at this point to avoid having to charge an attendance fee. Nomination forms are now available in Spanish and more nominations are needed. Shelly has been attending a number of parent meeting to let parents know about the program and is willing to attend any upcoming parent meetings to give additional presentations about the award program.

- **Week of the Young Child:**

An advocacy walk and children's art fair will be held on April 10 in Lakeport. Staff and families in programs from all around the lake have been invited to participate. The walk will begin at Natural High and continue to Library Park, with participants invited to wear crazy hats and blue clothing or pins in honor of child abuse prevention. The art fair will consist of children's artwork, family resource booths, and fun activities for children including a bounce house. Katrina Hickey has information for programs interested in having a booth at the event. Shelly has forms available for those interested in participating in the walk. To date, 200 people have signed up for the walk. Katrina and Shelly shared a banner that will be held at the front of the walk. The advocacy walk and art fair are being coordinated with child abuse prevention activities and Shelly shared resources available for child abuse prevention awareness including posters, pins, window clings and packets of information for businesses. There will be a proclamation on Tuesday, March 23 at the Board of Supervisors for Child Abuse Prevention and Month of the Young Child at 11:00 and will be followed by a flag raising ceremony in Library Park.

- **Program Reports:**

- **Steps to Leadership:**

Three Steps to Leadership workshops remain. The Curriculum Fair will be held Tuesday, March 23 at 6:00pm at the Kelseyville Presbyterian Church and will include



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- demonstrations and sharing of curriculum ideas. Steps to Leadership and Success will be held April 17 at 9:00am at Hidden Valley Community Church and will include information on leadership development. There is a \$25 fee for the Steps to Leadership and Success workshop. The final Steps to Leadership workshop will be the ECERS-R training with Thelma Harms at Yuba College. Anyone interested in attending this workshop was encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible as spaces are filling up quickly and will be limited to 100 participants.
- **Coordinator's Report:**

Shelly shared three recent publications in the Record Bee including an article on the ECE Award nominations, an ad for the nominations and an article written about the annual report presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Additionally Shelly shared an ad published in Mendo Lake Family Life magazine about the ECE awards. Shelly will be on local radio station KPFZ 88.1 with Joan Reynolds on April 1 speaking about the April activities at 9:00am. Rob Brown will be joining Lakeport Preschool in April as a preschooler for a day. Shelly shared that new guidelines regarding the Needs Assessment may soon be coming from the state; consequently, the Needs Assessment update has been temporarily put on hold. Legislative updates were given.
 - **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - MCAH: Second Thursday of the month; 8:30am; Lake Family Resource Center Community Meeting Room, Lakeport
 - First 5: March 24, 2010; 2:30pm; EDD Conference Room, Lakeport
 - Steps to Leadership Curriculum Fair: March 23, 2010; 6:00pm; Kelseyville Presbyterian Church, Kelseyville
 - **Next LPC Meeting:** April 15, 2010; 6:30-8:00pm; Yuba College Room 908, 15880 Dam Road Extension, Clearlake

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.