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# Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes

January 18, 2006

## Members Present:

Linda Avedon, United Way of Stanislaus County  
 Tom Changnon, Keyes School District  
 Rich Chubon, Stanislaus County Housing Authority  
 Rosemary Crippen, Stanislaus County District 1 Representative  
 Kristina McGillivray for James Enochs, Modesto City Schools  
 Linda Kovacs, Stanislaus County District 4 Representative  
 Lee Honoré Means, Stanislaus County District 3 Representative  
 Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Committee  
 John Patrick O'Brien, Oak Valley Hospital District  
 William O'Brien, Board of Supervisors  
 Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative  
 Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency  
 Vicki Bauman for Martin Petersen, Superintendent of Schools  
 Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
 Birgit Fladager for Carol Shipley, District Attorney  
 Dan Rosas for John Sims, Children and Families Commission  
 Margaret Szczepaniak and Nancy Fisher, Health Services Agency  
 Greg Savelli for Roy Wasden, Domestic Violence Task Force  
 Dwight Bateman, Disability Resources Agency  
 Denise Hunt and Shawn Kiely for Madelyn Schlaepfer, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
 Kim Wood-Hiatt for Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
 Juliene Flanders for Judith R. Toretelli, City of Turlock Community Services  
 Jan Viss, Family Services Division Community Services Agency

**Staff Present:** Khani Gustafson, Executive Director; Michelle Dunn, Administrative Clerk

**Guests Present:** Juan Ramirez, Margaret Tynan, Janette Mondan, and Kim Dysert

- I. **INTRODUCE THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – Ken Patterson, Past Chair
  - Ken welcomed the Children's Council's newest members:  
 Chair Elect Jerry Powers  
 Vice Chair- John Patrick O'Brian  
 Past Chair- Ken Patterson  
 Present Chair- Lee Means
- II. **WELCOME AND INTORDUCTIONS-** Lee Means, Chair
  - Welcoming of newest member: Raul Garcia, Site Supervisor for El Concilio Community Center- Representative of community-based organization with ties to the ethnic communities served. *Not Present*
- III. **AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVED** – Lee Means, Chair
  - Agenda approved.
  - Minutes for the November 16th Children's Council meetings were approved.

## COUNCIL REPRESENTATION:

Linda Avedon  
 United Way of Stanislaus County  
 Dwight Bateman  
 Disability Resources Agency for Independent Living  
 Tom Changnon  
 School District Superintendent  
 A.R. "Rich" Chubon  
 Stanislaus County Housing Authority  
 Rosemary Crippen  
 District 1 Representative  
 James C. Enochs  
 Modesto City Schools  
 Doris Foster  
 Stanislaus Chief Executive Office  
 Lisa Henry  
 Local Child Care Resource and Referral  
 Denise Hunt  
 Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
 Richard Jacobs  
 Valley Mountain Regional Center  
 Judy Kindle  
 Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
 Linda Kovacs  
 District 4 Representative  
 Judith R. Loretelli  
 District 2 Representative  
 Honorable Linda McFadden  
 Superior Court  
 Lee Honoré Means  
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 Jerry Powers  
 Probation  
 Mark A. Puthuff  
 Sheriff  
 Madelyn Schlaepfer, PhD  
 Alcohol and Drug Programs  
 Carol Shipley  
 District Attorney  
 John Sims  
 Children and Families Commission  
 Margaret Szczepaniak  
 Health Services Agency  
 Jan Viss  
 Community Services Agency  
 Roy Wasden  
 Domestic Violence Taskforce  
 Helen White  
 Stanislaus Multi-Cultural Community Health Collaborative  
 James Williams, Ph.D.  
 Yosemite Community College District

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## Board of Supervisors

District 1 - William O'Brien  
 District 2 - Thomas Mayfield  
 District 3 - Jeff Grover  
 District 4 - Raymond C. Simon  
 District 5 - Jim DeMartini

#### IV. **ONE MINUTE STATUS REPORTS BY DOMAIN**

##### **Community Based Organizations:**

- There is about \$7 billion dollars in Stanislaus County of earned income tax credit and \$2.5 million dollars in one zip code alone (West Modesto) that has not been touched in the past year. People who have not received the earned income tax credit in the past may be able to go back as far as three years to collect. Stanislaus County has established sites to assist people with collecting their earned tax credit. A list of VITA sites was distributed (Earned income tax credit sties).

##### **Health Domain:**

- WIC will be relocating in mid February to CSA as part of the initial phase of several moves several moves for HSA.
- Legislative initiative effective 1/1/06 will take a 5% cut for Medi Cal reimbursement statewide. All providers will receive 5% less for services provided. Not sure what the impact is at this time. (Fisher)

##### **Question & Answers:**

Q. Does this include Children Services? (Hiatt)

A. I believe so. (Hunt)

Q. Do we know the numbers of children who are on Medi Cal in Stanislaus County? (Means)

A. About 1/3 of the children. (O'Brian & Kovacs agree on estimate)

##### **Discussion:**

Would word to the legislation help? (Means) I believe so. There are still pending updates. My impression is that it is not completely finished. State department of Mental Health is still analyzing what this would mean statewide, there are still some interpretations remaining. (Hunt) There are some compositional changes. (Patterson) Radonovich voted for the cuts. Legislation will come before the House again, late January early February. (Patterson)

##### **Law Enforcement Domain:**

- The Probation Departments throughout the state are excited to announce the Governor's budget included The Crime Prevention Act and Juvenile Probation funding. We are hoping that this will be in the final budget. (Jill)

##### **Education Domain:**

- After school Summit will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center on March 15, 2006 The Governor & Jeff O'Connell are scheduled to attend.
- Prop 49 will roll out July 2006. My office is working on regional efforts with Calaveras County, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus County. Approximately \$550 million dollars will be distributed statewide. \$50,000 will be allotted to elementary schools and \$75,000 to junior high schools. The Governor is working to change this to \$112 for elementary school and \$150 for junior high schools.
- Special Education has a lot going on, legislation additive pre referral services authorization for the children. However 3632 & IDEA are in great risk especially IDEA in terms of special education. (Millberry)
- Universal Pre School initiative will be on the June ballot. Obviously this is creating controversy. There will be a forum in Sacramento this spring to discuss the pros and cons of the initiative. The method of funding continues to be a concern for many of people although the concept seems to be overwhelmingly favorable. (Changnon)
- 20/20 aired an episode, "Stupid in America" last Friday. Unfortunately the whole episode was dedicated to the poor quality of education in America This episode seemed to be most damaging to public education, and many inner city schools where highlighted. This certainly is not the case. This perception does not fit many of our schools in Stanislaus County. (Changnon)

##### **Social Services Domain:**

- We are being re-accredited pending approval of a couple of documents submitted. We will have official word by Friday January 20, 2006. (Viss)
- Staff change at the Stan works Program: Lydia Toledo, Assistant Director at CSA retired. Kathy Harwell has been named as Lydia's successor. (Patterson)
- Cal-works, Food stamps, Medical Eligibility, Cash Assistance, TANIF, Childcare Program is the largest division at CSA.

##### **Housing Domain:**

- Distributed 2006 Housing Authority calendars to all of committee members.
- Recently, the Governor announced that the bond for housing was missing from the ballot. However, state funding for new development was exhausted as of December 2005. Legislators said this was a \$1.2 billion over site. As a result, one huge measure will appear on the November 2006 ballot. Without a bond t there will be no future for affordable housing in California. (Chubon)

**Community Domain:**

- SCC District Representatives Subcommittee met last week (January 10<sup>th</sup>). I was very concerned regarding my role on the Council. The Subcommittee will define the representative's role on the Council and establish goal for 2006. The plan is for District Representatives to meet with their respective county supervisor, present the Council's work plan and discuss the supervisor's priorities to help ascertain committee's focus.

**REVIEW 2005 PROGRESS AND DISCUSS GOALS/OBJECTIVES FOR 2006 (Gustafson)**

- 2006 Strategic Work Plan:
- Accomplishments
  - What was meaningful
  - What didn't work so well
  - Ongoing Goals
  - Focus for 2006

**Comments/Q&A:**

- Q. What is the situation in terms of financial stabilizing? How are we going to accomplish these goals, most goals cost?
- The financial report is not here therefore I cannot give you an update. Although one of the things we have considered doing is partnering with Children and Families Commission for some of our funding, in exchange we provide them with services. It looks favorable. The goal is to determine how to fund the council and to develop a plan for sustainability. Executive Committee has some ideas, which will be presented at future meetings. (Khani)
- Q. If the Council decides to host a conference, clear, tangible outcomes should be determined. I would like to walk away with a plan of action. I hope that whatever is decided there is a solid take away. (Avedon)
- A. Hosting a conference is a suggestion. Many of these ideas came from you as results from the members interviews held last August 2005. Please provide feedback on these ideas. Then the Executive Committee will review and propose a work plan for the next 3 years and the Annual Report at the next Children's Council meeting. (Khani)
- Q. Our focus has always been on the kids still in school, maybe we should focus on pregnant moms and the kids who are already dropped out of school. Maybe we should help them get their GED and teach them to read. Do we know if any of these programs offer these types of service?
- A. First Step Teen Mother Drug Program Clients are given the opportunity to get their GED.

**Comments:**

- Speed networking and conferences are the focus of our new slogan. This is a proactive approach. (JP O'Brian)
- Maybe the Council should project beyond a 1 year plan and develop a 3 year plan. (Means)
- We may want to revisit the Outreach to Mayor/Municipal Advisory Council since they did not get back to us the last time. The Mayor may be interested in knowing about the dropout rates in Stanislaus County. .
- Let's consider part of the plan that offers fundraising opportunities. (Avedon)

**Bylaws committee:**

***Forming to look over our bylaws over the next couple of months, they need some revision***

- Bylaws Committee Members
  - Greg Savelli
  - Vicki Bauman
  - John P. O'Brian
  - Judy Kindle
  - Kristina McGillivray

**Goodbyes:**

Michelle Dunn, Administrative Clerk III for the Children's Council  
Margaret Szczepaniak, Health Service Agency

**Networking Break**

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL – Jan Viss**

Jan reported they ordered 1000 calendars and have sold 845, there is about 150 calendars left. All children's art is due in by the end of February. We are all looking forward to the Art Contest. In March, the

art entries will be presented to the Council to select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The art will be presented to the BOS at the April meeting.

A prize committee was established. The bylaws for CAPC were approved and reviewed conflict of interest. The committee hopes to go to Board of Supervisors on January 31<sup>st</sup> to finalize membership of the council.  
Next Meeting: February 2, 2006, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., **Community Services Agency, Large Training Room.**

**PROMOTING SAFE AND SABLE FAMILIES COMMITTEE- Juan Ramirez**

*Board of Supervisor approved the 3year plan.*

*The RFP to request for proposal to provide intervention treatment services*

13 proposals received

- CSA established a panel of 5 representatives
- Panel recommended the programs indicated in the handout

**Q&A/Comments:**

Q. Is a list available of the Family Resource Centers and the services that they provide? (Chubon)

A. Not at this time. There has been some discussion that a resource guide should be developed and available at each site. (Rosas)

Q. When you enter into agreement with these different agencies I'm assuming that an outcome increment is part of those agreements?

A. That was included in the RFP as part of the disclosure they are to provide a report card on how they are going to present the outcomes. (Juan)

Jan would like providing a status report on the Family Resource Centers. She and Khani will set a time/date for this presentation.

Support for the RFP was put to vote and approved by the SCC.

**MOTION:** Approve to support RFP proposal.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION- Dan Rosas**

The following updates were presented:

- 9 unsolicited proposals are currently under review and may go to CFC in February/March.
- Exploring the Early Years: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual conference will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock CA.
- Brochures are available for registration; you may also register on line at [www.danprop10.org](http://www.danprop10.org).
- Children and Families Commission office moved: 930 15<sup>th</sup> Street Modesto, CA 95354

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL – Lisa Henry**

*No report provided.*

**2005 WORK PLAN COMMITTEE–**

Public Awareness Committee- Khani

- Slogan selected "Our Children Our Future". Khani and Michelle met with Linda Jue to talk about ways to roll out. This is forthcoming.

Youth Leadership Committee- Linda Kovacs

- Had a very productive meeting. We have one young adult on the Youth Leadership Committee. She has suggested that we partner up with the FDVCC to look at issues of Teen Dating Violence, which is going on amongst her peers.

School Drop-Out Rates Committee – Dick Jacobs

Vicki Bauman provided the following updates:

- Steve Fraire, Child Welfare and Attendance Coordinator from San Diego County is slated to attend the February Council Meeting. He will present briefly to the Council and provide an in-service from 12-3pm. The focus is School Drop Out Rates. Steve will present on a successful prevention program in Southern California Lunch will be provided for those who attend. Please sign up with Vicki or Khani. (Bauman)
- Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Fireside conference room: We will need someone from probation schools to attend.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Ken Patterson**

**VII. COMPLETE MEETING EVALUATION SURVEYS**

- Reminder to council members to complete and return surveys

### VIII. **ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Housing Authority received a \$250,000 grant called the Ross Grant. Stanislaus was one of nine counties California to receive the grant. The funding will be used at Las Palmas Place (senior complex) in Patterson. (Chubon)
- Turlock is collaborating with Camp California Fitness Medical Center in Turlock working on obesity and self esteem. There is a brochure on proper eating available. (Juliene Flanders)
- Weed and Seed Coordinator Position: Modesto Police Department is managing this grant and currently recruiting for this position. ( Savelli)
- Behavioral and Health Recovery Services: We have received Alcohol and Drug Prevention funding.

### IX. **NEXT MEETING**

**February 15, 2006**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Salida Library

4835 Sisk Road

Salida

*Respectfully submitted by Kina L. Cruz*