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## Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes

February 15, 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  
Cindy Duenas for Linda Kovacs, Stanislaus County District 4 Representatives  
Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Committee  
John Patrick O'Brien, Oak Valley Hospital District  
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative  
Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency  
Vicki Bauman for Martin Petersen, Superintendent of Schools  
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
Annett Reese for Carol Shipley, District Attorney  
John Sims, Children and Families Commission  
Nancy Fisher for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency  
Greg Savelli for Roy Wasden, Domestic Violence Task Force  
Dwight Bateman, Disability Resources Agency  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
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, and Administrative Clerk

**Guests Present:** Liz Gimble, Steve Fraire, Sallie Ayala Perez, Cathy Walke, Shawn Kiely, Belinda Rolichcheck, Annette Rees, Ron Reid, Raul Mendez, and Cindy Tomlison

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Ken Patterson, Past Chair
  - Ken welcomed the Children's Council's newest members: Raul Garcia, Site Supervisor for El Concilio Community Center
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- II. **AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVED** - Ken Patterson, Past Chair
  - Agenda approved
  - Minutes for the January 18, 2006 Children's Council meeting were approved
- III. **ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS BY DOMAIN**- Ken Patterson, Past Chair

***Community Based Organization Domain:***

  - *No report provided*

***Health Domain:***

*Nancy Milberry provided:*

  - Pleased to announce that the President did not sign the legislation to eliminate all case management services. There will be a MHSA Stakeholder's meeting scheduled for **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in the Martin Conference room, 830 Scenic Drive, Health Service Agency** it is very critical that everyone attend.

### 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  
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  
Martin G. Petersen  
Superintendent of Schools  
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

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

*Ron Reid provided:*

- The Office of Education has funded a Gang Intervention Program (GAP) for children ages 11-17. This program requires children and parent participation. This program is being offered county wide, if anyone is interested they can contact Officer Ron Reid.

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

*Vicki Bauman provided:*

- Prop 49 is changing daily. (Universal Preschool)
- Governor will have all \$550 million out the door by July 2006.
- Stanislaus County Board of Education recognized 21 Stanislaus County schools as distinguished schools.
- Modesto Bee is publishing a 3 part editorial piece coming out in March. The articles will address testing, and the difference, between State and Federal mandates.

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

*Ken Patterson provided:*

- Governor purposed some mid year budget cuts for the Cal Works program and Welfare to Work programs. It is very apparent the Administration Department of finances is backing off. They realize this is something that cannot be done legally.
- The mid year cuts have not been as critical to the Community Services Agency as to Child Support Services, which is somewhere around an 11%-12 % cut.
- The National conference of American Public Human Services Administrators is coming up: This may help provide more information about the rules for Health and Human Services.

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

*Rich Chubbon provided:*

- The President's budget proposed that the Housing Authority would receive 80%.
- There are 161 standard metropolitan areas in the country.
- Stanislaus County ranks 156 in terms of least affordable.

### ***Community Domain:***

- District Representatives met at BHRS, and discussed what their role on the Council. Meeting with the Board of Supervisors to occur over the next couple of months for the district representatives that sit on this council. (Mendez)
- Rhonda Parker was not able to be here due to the Kinship Rally today at the State Capitol (Milberry)

#### **IV. 2-1-1 UNITED WAY AND THE MOTHER LODE- Linda Avedon & Liz Gimble**

***A personal thanks to Dwight, Rich and Dawn who have been instrumental in the planning of this process, without their support, United Way would not be where they are: (Avedon)***

- 2-1-1 United Way and the Mother Lode power point presentation
- A brochure packet on the 2-1-1 roll out plan was provided
- 2-1-1 is a local three-digit dialing code providing public access to information and referral for health and human services.
- A strong community interest and financial commitments for full funding is necessary for this project to become a reality. The estimated funding needed for 2-1-1 information and referral line is \$450,000.
- Public Benefits:
  - One number access for quality referrals
  - Improved human services
  - Free and confidential
  - Expanded coverage
  - Reduces misdirected and duplicated calls
  - Access to updated public information
  - Reduces cost including marketing
  - Identifies service gaps and "needs"

The intended project outcome ensures Stanislaus County residents simplified access to appropriate health and human services that will help them make informed decisions, which affect their quality of life. We are requesting the Council's support with this plan? The full plan is available at [www.uwaystan.org](http://www.uwaystan.org) (Avedon)

**O&A/Comments:**

Q. One of the issues is keeping the information updated. Who will maintain current information?

A. Yes, updating the website is designated to someone as their job, although it is available to you to update also.

Q. What is the call capacity?

A. We have six to eight lines. 2-1-1 is looking into the capacity of soft phone, which means the capacity can be up to two hundred lines.

**Discussion:**

- 2-1-1 will not go statewide unless we are fully funded.
- 2-1-1 will be the first functioning information and referral access line to come forth in the valley besides Sacramento County
- I would like to request the support from this group and local support from distributed individual organizations? (Avedon)

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2-1-1 distributed guideline for endorsement. As a council do we want to endorse without Supervisor O'Brien who is not in attendance today? This should not be a problem, although we should get O'Brien's approval. (Patterson)

**MOTION:** Khani and the Executive Committee will draft a letter of endorsement to be sent to the United Way. (Patterson)

**SECOND:** Moved to support a letter of endorsement. (Batemen)

Provided that Supervisor O'Brien approves, a letter of endorsement will be provided and a copy will be in next month's packet. (Patterson)

V. **SCHOOL DROP-OUT PREVENTION-** Steve Fraire

Steve Fraire has 32 years experience with the Office of Education, and is currently with San Diego County Office of Education and State SARB Board.

The SARB board designed a tool kit to help with attendance recovery. Multi system training is held at the end of each year for all the school districts, with hope that they take back and train their departments.

The main goal is to concentrate on the consistency of developing a process that will work well for all districts. The key component, which seemed to work for our board, was when a judge was involved, things seem to come in place. Vicki Bauman commented that judge McFadden is very interested in coming on board with this. Vicki plans to meet with McFadden to discuss this issue.

Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> seem to be the most effected in San Diego. What we hope today is to develop a training tool kit for Stanislaus County.

**Question & Answers:**

Q. How long has this been in place?

A. For about 4 years, every year another component is added to the tool kit.

Q. Has this affected your drop out rates?

A. Drop out rates are not accurately reported throughout the state, therefore the drop out rates have not gone up or down.

Q. Do you meet monthly?

A. Yes, we have a large group that meets monthly and a smaller group that meets quarterly.

Detailed information will be provided at the School Drop-Out Prevention presentation following the Children's Council meeting today. (Fraire)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL – Jan Viss

Jan reported the Art Contest deadline is **February 24, 2006** and will bring art to the Children’s Council meeting in March. Council members will then determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. On **April 21, 2006** Art winners and their parents are invited to attend the Board of Supervisor’s meeting to receive their award.

As of two weeks ago CAPC was officially appointed under the Board of Supervisor’s as the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Bylaws and membership was also approved. (Viss)

We would also like to thank Sierra Vista for promoting the Child Abuse Prevention Council at their fundraiser. (Viss)

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES COMMITTEE- Juan Ramirez

*No report provided*

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION- John Sims

- The Turlock Salvation Army, requested to terminate their Family Resource Center contract with Children & Families Commission. The will be effective May 1, 2006.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual conference will be on February 24, 2006 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. We have 400 registered and still have some vacancies.
- Children and Families Commission new address is: **930 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto**

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL – Tom Chagnan

- Debbie Parnoflick has been elected as new Vice Chair
- Debbie gave a presentation on KARIES Program.

2005 WORK PLAN COMMITTEE–

Public Awareness Committee- Khani

- *No report provided*

Youth Leadership Committee-Belinda Rolichcheck

*Belinda Rolichcheck provided:*

- The Youth Leadership committee has too many adults and not enough youth. We are working on recruiting more youth. We plan to present at the Family and Domestic Violence Coordinator Council (FDVCC) conference in October 2006. A survey on dating violence will be utilized and will help generate our topic for the FDVCC conference.

School Drop-Out Rates Committee – Dick Jacobs

- *No report provided*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Ken Patterson

- Bylaws Committee was unable to meet in February and is scheduled to meet March 2, 2006. (Gustafson)
- A draft copy of the Annual report was distributed. Please review and provide feedback. (Gustafson)
- Executive Committee is working on a plan for the sustainability of the budget. (Gustafson)
- Children and Families Commission was given an unsolicited proposal. Which was presented to the Board and may possibly be coming up for vote at the **February 28, 2006 CFC meeting**. (Patterson)
- Just before Doris Foster went on leave she had a discussion with CEO on the history and role of the Board of Supervisors supporting the Children’s Council.
- Doris Foster will be returning in mid March 2006, will provide more information.
- We are in the process of approving a countywide transfer letter for the **Administrative Clerk III vacancy with the Children’s Council**. (Gustafson)

VII. COMPLETE MEETING EVALUATION SURVEYS

- Reminder to council members to complete and return surveys

VIII. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Judy Kindle has been selected as an outstanding woman and will be honored at United Way dinner on **March 18, 2006**. (Avedon)

- Health Net would like to be invited to introduce their program. (Ayala-Perez)
- Mary Ann Lee is the H SA manager. (Fisher)
- WIC is now at CSA, this is working well. (Patterson)
- California State University of Stanislaus MSW Advisory Committee is hosting an annual conference **March 30, 2006**. The format of the conference has changed from a Friday evening to a Thursday afternoon/evening event. (Gustafson)

IX. **NEXT MEETING**

**March 15, 2006**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Salida Library

4835 Sisk Road

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*Respectfully submitted by Kina L. Cruz*