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Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes March 15, 2006

Members Present:

Rosemary Crippen, Stanislaus County District 1 Representative
Birgit Fladager, for Carol Shipley District Attorney
Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center
John Patrick O'Brien, Oak Valley Hospital District
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative
Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency
Aaron Raby for Martin Petersen, Superintendent of Schools
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation
Lee Honre Means, Stanislaus County District 3 Representative
Sgt. Mike Radford for Sheriff Mark Puthuff, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
Dan Rosas for John Sims, Children and Families Commission
Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency
Greg Savelli for Roy Wasden, Domestic Violence Task Force
Dwight Bateman, Disability Resources Agency
Doris Foster, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Offices
Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
Karen Packwood for Judith R. Toretelli, City of Turlock Community Services
Jan Viss, Family Services Division Community Services Agency

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. Lorelli
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
Mary Ann Lee
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

Staff Present: Khani Gustafson Executive Director, and Kina Cruz Administrative Clerk

Guests Present: Ann Stokman, and Juan Ramirez

- I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** – Lee Honre Means, Chair
 - Lee welcomed the Children's Council's newest members: Mary Ann Lee, Interim Manager for the Health Service Agency
- II. **AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVED** – Lee Honre Means, Chair
 - Agenda approved
 - Minutes for the February 15, 2006 Children's Council meeting were approved (Kindle/Hunt unanimous)
- III. **ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS BY DOMAIN**- Lee Honre Means, Chair
 - Community Based Organization Domain:***
 - *No report provided*
 - Health Domain:***
 - Denise Hunt provided:*
 - BHRS is moving towards improving the significant budget structure problems that are occurring with the Mental Health Act. There is no longer funds that will affect Adult Services.
 - The last of 3 Stakeholder meetings will be held tonight. We will be discussing the budget structure. (Hunt)
 - The Governor signed the bill to eliminate the 5% cut for Medi Cal reimbursement that was to be set in place. (Lee)

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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:

No report provided:

Education Domain:

Aaron Raby provided:

- Today Vicki is attending a meeting in Sacramento that will determine if Prop 49 will go through. There is a question on whether or not a lawsuit will occur due to the Prop 49 approval. (Universal Preschool)

Social Services Domain:

Ken Patterson provided:

Housing Domain:

No report provided

Community Domain:

Brenda provided:

- United Advocates amended proposing a \$7 million dollar increase, votes took place yesterday and also today. We are asking for support of votes from all people, please contact the senator at 202-224-3121.

IV. Select Winning Art for Art Contest- All

- All council members select 3 pieces of art from each category, k-3rd, 4th-6th, Middle School, and 9th-12th.
- By doing so we have determined 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.
- Middle School category had ties for 3rd place prize
- 4th-6th had ties for the 1st place prize.
- Both the Children's Council members and CAPC members agreed to have winners in both place for the two categories

V. Keep Baby Safe, Stanislaus County Child Passenger Safety-Ann Stokman

- 70% of deaths and 66% of injuries in motor vehicle collisions could be eliminated with the use of car safety seats or seat belts. More than 80% of children fewer than 4 who died as motor vehicle occupants were killed in survivable crashes.
- More than 90% of safety seats are used incorrectly.
- Classes are available for parent/guardian on the laws of seat belt safety. This class provides information on the importance of securing a child in a seat belt properly as well as the laws.
- A low cost car seat program is available for those who meet financial eligibility.
- Once a parent or guardian attends the car seat safety class and qualifies for the program they can receive a coupon by paying a \$25 fee, attendees can redeem a car seat at any Wal-Mart retailer with this coupon.
- In the past we were given out about 3000 to 4000 coupons a year, and this past year we passed out about 1500. We would like to increase this amount significantly.
- A Collaborative Meeting is being held on **April 7, 2006 8:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. at the Health Education and Conference Center in McHenry Village 1700 McHenry Avenue, Suite 60B, Modesto**, a flyer was distributed.

Question & Answers:

- Q. The Sheriff's department would love to host a presentation, although we do not have that much time. Would you be able to provide a short version of this presentation?
- A. Yes, I can provide this presentation in a short long or however the department would like it to be shared. Ann Stokman would be willing to provide any department with full presentation or partial presentation. Any questions on presentation can be answered by contacting Twila Paul at tpaul@schsa.org
- Q. How many citations have been given out in the past year?
- A. I'm not sure, but I can get this information for you.

VI. BYLAWS

- A draft copy of the revised bylaws was distributed
- It was suggested that the changes the Bylaws are requesting for Youth member and Parent representative stay in the 3-year term section. According to the California Welfare Code 18689.16 they are in the correct section of the Bylaws, therefore changes will not be made in this section.
- SCC members have approved all other changes requested by the by-laws committee. Changes will be made and brought to the Executive committee for approval.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL – Jan Viss

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention month we would like to fly the Memorial Flag, The Memorial flag represents children who have been abuse or have died due to child abuse. Agencies are to fly the Memorial Flag on the fourth week of April. If any one needs a flag to fly please contact Juan Ramirez at ramirju@co.stanislaus.ca.us or 525-2500.

The District Attorney's office has been slotted time with a local cable television show for the month of April. Carol Shipley thought it would be nice to educate the public on child abuse awareness. Part of the program will highlight CAPC and "Through the Eyes of a Child Art Contest". As a result, portions of this months CAPC meeting was taped and CAPC members where also interviewed.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES COMMITEE- Juan Ramirez

Next scheduled meeting:

April 28, 2006 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Community Service Agency 251 East Hackett Rd. Modesto

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION- John Sims

- The 3rd annual conference went well, we had an estimate of 300 attendees.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL – Tom Chagnan

No report provided

2005 WORK PLAN COMMITTEE–

Public Awareness Committee- Khani

- The Executive Committee members are working on a new Children's Council logo and will be coming forth with the logo at next months Children's Council meeting.

Youth Leadership Committee-Linda Kovacs

No report provided

School Drop-Out Rates Committee – Dick Jacobs

- *No report provided*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Ken Patterson

- The Children and Families Commission was given an unsolicited proposal. John is requesting that the Council rewrite the proposal specifying the duties that the Children's Council will be providing to the CFC.
- Khani is preparing a draft proposal letter with changes and submitting to the CFC.
- The proposal is still on the table and has been put in front of all the commissions. We are hoping that this will be a discussion at the April meeting for the CFC.

VIII. COMPLETE MEETING EVALUATION SURVEYS

- Reminder to council members to complete and return surveys

VIII. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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)
- 6th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Family & Community Celebration being held on **April 8, 2006 at the King-Kennedy Memorial Center & Mellis Park 601 N. Martin Luther King Dr, Modesto from noon- 4 p.m.** Flyer distributed. (Garcia)
- Coalition meeting scheduled for **March 16, 2006 (tomorrow)** at **El Concilio Community Center**, lunch will be provided. (Garcia)

IX. NEXT MEETING

April 19, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Salida Library

4835 Sisk Road

Salida

Respectfully submitted by Kina L. Cruz