



## Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes August 15, 2007

### Members Present:

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Dwight Bateman,  
Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living

Tom Changnon, Superintendent of Schools

Tom Ciccarelli, United Way

Adam Christianson, Sheriff

Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative

William Fagan,  
Stanislaus County Housing Authority

Birgit Fladager, District Attorney

Doris Foster  
Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office

Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center

Veronica Garcia  
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

Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency

Bob Loretelli, Superintendent, Hickman Schools

Judith R. Loretelli, District 2 Representative

Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court

Vacant, District 3 Representative

Nancy Millberry  
Child Abuse Prevention Committee

Dick Monteith, Board of Supervisors

Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative

Ken Patterson, Community Services Agency

Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative

Jerry Powers, Probation

Madelyn Schlaepfer, PhD  
Alcohol and Drug Programs

Ham Shirvani, President, CSU Stanislaus

John Sims  
Children and Families Commission

Jan Viss  
Community Services Agency

Roy Wasden  
Domestic Violence Taskforce

Helen White, Community Representative

Carol Shipley for Brigit Fladager, District Attorney  
Dick Monteith, Supervisor, District 4  
Bergen Filgas for Jan Viss, Community Services Agency  
Phoebe Leung for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency  
Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center  
Melda Gaskins for Arturo Flores, Superintendent of Modesto City Schools  
Lucian Thomas for Chief Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Department  
Kim Wood-Hiatt for Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative  
Jeanette Merchant for Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Veronica Garcia, Local Child Resource and Referral Agency  
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative  
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way  
Doris Foster, Chief Executive Office  
Dick Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center  
Bob Loretelli, Superintendent of Hickman Community Charter School  
Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court  
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Larry Sikma for Adam Christianson, Sheriff

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Allen-Diaz  
Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Kathleen Dennis, SCOE Foster and Homeless Youth,  
Maria Alvarez, Migrant Education, Raul Diaz, SCOE

Meeting began 10:08 a.m.

### I. INTRODUCTIONS –Carol Shipley, Chair

Introduced Cheryl Heppner, new Coordinator for the Children's Council.

Thanked Cheryl Allen-Diaz for filling in this past year.

Cheryl Heppner  
Coordinator  
Stanislaus County  
Children's Council



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Cheryl Allen-Diaz – enjoyed working with everyone on the council. Appreciates everything the council is doing.

Carol reminded everyone, announcements and accomplishments are to be made during introductions.

**II. MINUTES from June 20, 2007 Meeting approved:** Moved by Judy Loretelli  
Seconded by Doris Foster  
Motion carried unanimously

### **III. ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS**

**Carol - Council members are to submit announcements and activities to Cheryl, to be included in a calendar of events. Cheryl's e-mail: clheppner@ gmail.com**

Jill Silva – Still waiting to see where the funding will come from for the construction of the new Juvenile Center. Will be taking back non-violent offenders from the Youth Authority and are still working out the details.

Melda Gaskins – Working on the initiative prevention program, alcohol and drug abuse.

Jeanette Merchant – Sent 30 youths to camp with YMCA. First session was for 8-12 year olds, the second was 13-16 year olds. These are children who normally wouldn't have a chance to go to camp, but due to outside financial support, they were able to send them. Hope to be able to do it again next year.

Ruben Pina – Kindergarten – 8 grade school is under construction. Just finished the independent home study which runs June – August for Migrant Students. Sent 75 students to leadership camp at Camp Green Meadows. 5 students from the county participated in the UCLA leadership program for Migrant Students.

Maria Alvarez – Had 4 – 6 grade Migrant Students attend camp for one week. Found it was a great experience for the students and the parents who were able to attend. Hispanic Leadership Council is planning an event September 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree to celebrate 3 new educational leaders, Superintendent of Schools, Tom Changnon, Superintendent of Modesto City Schools, Arturo Flores and Modesto Junior College Chancellor, Dr. Darnell.

Lucian Thomas - National Night Out went well.

Bob Loretelli - School started yesterday at Hickman Schools with 1100 students enrolled.

Judy Loretelli - City of Turlock will be going to a new water meter system. Judy is currently on a state committee which is determining the amount of physical activity students are involved in after school. This will be a year long project.

Turlock Family Resource Center is getting started again after breaking for the summer.

Still looking for Board Members. Let Judy know if you know of anyone. September 9, the Family Fun Fest will be held at Columbia Park. This is a program put on by Turlock Recreation and Turlock Police Department, Turlock Against Gangs, community awareness program. Handout – Turlock’s Guide to Recreation

Raul Garcia – Latino Behavioral Health began support groups all over the county. Working closely with Health Net for health awareness week in October. Meetings are open to everyone and they are geared towards awareness of health issues and programs available. El Concilio coalition has a meeting scheduled for the last Thursday of this month at 11:30 to discuss the negative issues within the Latino population due to the immigration law which did not pass.

Madelyn Schlaepfer – There is Congressional support, but not Legislative support for alcohol and drug services for minors. Youth Services is not 1 of the 5 priorities. Are looking at other initiatives for backing for these services.

Doris Foster – October 19, Family and Domestic Violence Conference. Morning speaker is Bob Martin - Fear. Lunchtime speaker is Carol Shipley - Family Justice Center. Afternoon speaker is Dr. Love - Intervention.

Dick Monteith – County budget is on course. Do not see California budget being passed anytime soon.

Tom Ciccarelli – United Way will be more involved in work force development. Official launch of 211, October 4. Will provide 24 hour, 7 days a week information on human services needs. Every city in the county is financially participating and are very supportive.

Veronica Garcia – In September, the Toy Lending Library will be opening.

Phoebe Leung – Clinics have been seeking Federally Qualified Health Center Look-alike Status where the clinics receive greater reimbursements for medical services (Medi-Cal and Medicare only). It is not yet confirmed, but it is moving very positively in the direction of the 6 clinics being able to receive this status. Even with F. Q., the clinics will still be in a deficit. Will be looking at other ways as well to cut costs.

Dick Jacobs – Valley Mountain Regional Center is 1 out of 21 centers in California which provides services to developmentally disabled persons. It is at a point where they need to borrow money to keep operating. If no budget by October, it will cost tax payers loan fees and interest. Care homes funded directly through Medicaid program is running out of money and can’t help them out.

Carol Shipley – The DA’s office is busy filling vacant positions. The Family Justice Center is moving forward. Goal had been to open 12 – 18 months from March 2007. Would be willing to come and speak about the FJC if anyone is interested in knowing more about it. August 28, Carol will be arrested and will need bail money. This is a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy.

Kim Wood-Hiatt – Busy with Family Resource Centers Bridge serving Southeast Asian population.

Larry Sikma – 18 new people in training.

Judge McFadden – Continuing to get mentor program started for at risk juveniles. Need a long term detention center where kids could be placed for counseling. Modesto Bee’s interview with Jerry Powers was a good article.

### **No Reports by Domain**

## **IV. REPORT FROM “CONDITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH” SUBCOMMITTEES**

Carol - Reviewed the “Report Card” published in 1997 and listed 2006 categories as Child Health, Child Care, Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Poverty, Education, Crime and Delinquency. Distributed timeline handout: **September 19 – Final statistical reports due.**

Child Health – handout – Will have final report by timeline.

Carol Q: Since 2001 information is so dated do we use it?

A: Tom will check to see if United Way has any statistics available. If not, could put in the comments section.

Child Care – handout – Veronica – Will clarify in report, child care includes both half and full day.

Child Abuse and Neglect – Jan Viss – absent- Doris stated they have met and will bring data to next meeting. Judge McFadden stated she would like to join this committee.

Child Poverty – Carol – In the process of gathering statistics.

Education – No report at this time.

Crime and Delinquency – Jill – Reviewed categories. Stated report would include links where more information on youth crime could be found. Also, community service hours completed by offenders would be included in future reports.

Dick J. - Q: Are we going to include comparisons over the years and between other counties?

A: Will put comparisons in the comment section if available.

Carol – **Subgroups are to start putting data into report form. Information is to be submitted to Cheryl Heppner.**

## **V. UPDATE ON COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Rod Landes – District 3 Representative – going to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Healthcare Provider – Nancy Fisher is working on.

Still need a Youth Committee Representative. **Submit names and where they are from to Cheryl Heppner.** Discussed the possibility of having 2 members to make it less intimidating for a youth to attend the meetings. Possibly a member and a designee, so there would be no need to change the by-laws. Will decide direction at next council meeting.

## **VI. CHANGE IN MEETING TIME**

Decision: Council will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00p.m.  
Location to be announced.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Child Abuse Prevention Council – Art from the art contest is still circulating.  
Shaken Baby Campaign Kick-off - October 24 at 11:00 a.m.

Children and Families Commission - John absent.

Child Development and Local Planning Council – No report.

Carol – DA’s office is working with SARB to organize a general assembly with parents, where a representative from the DA’s office would address the parents.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING**

September 19, 2007  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Salida Library**  
4835 Sisk Road  
Salida

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children’s Council Coordinator