



## Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes

October 17, 2007

### Members Present:

Renee Cearlo for Tom Changnon, Office of Education  
Larry Sikma for Adam Christianson, Sheriff  
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way  
Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative  
William Fagan, Housing Authority  
Raul Garcia, El Concilio Community Center  
Veronica Garcia, Local Child Resource and Referral Agency  
Linda Kovacs, District 4 Representative  
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative  
Nancy Fisher for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency  
Juliene Flanders for Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative  
Bob Loretelli, Superintendent, Hickman Schools  
Jeanette Merchant for Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Council  
Dick Monteith, Supervisor, District 4  
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative  
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
John Sims, Children and Families Commission  
Juan Ramirez for Jan Viss, Community Services Agency  
Chris Fuzie for Chief Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Department

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Carmina Gonzales

Meeting began 3:35 p.m.

### I. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS – Jill Silva, Vice Chair

Rhonda Parker – Family Partnership Center held their Annual Fall Fest on October 12<sup>th</sup>. 300 were in attendance. Families were able to get information on local resources available as well as enjoy free food and carnival style games.

Tom Ciccarelli – United Way is kicking off the 211 Call Center on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Everyone is invited.

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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

Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools

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

Rod Landes, 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

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**II. MINUTES from September 19, 2007 approved:** Moved by Rosemary Crippen  
Seconded by Rod Landes  
Motion carried unanimously

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

Health – Nancy Fisher - With the Presidential veto on the State Children’s Health Insurance Program, Healthy Families will be gone before the end of the year if Congress and the Executive Office do not reach a compromise. It will effect a large number of low income families. Emergency funding is available through November.

Health Services Agency did a flu vaccination exercise yesterday, October 16<sup>th</sup> as a practice to prepare for an emergency flu epidemic. A free flu vaccination clinic was held with a goal of giving 2000 shots over a 4 hour period. 2718 vaccines were given; 600 every hour.

Law Enforcement – Cheryl Heppner - on behalf of Judge McFadden - The Juvenile Court is still continuing to work on new projects to improve the outcomes of kids. Hoping the mentor program for at risk kids will begin in the near future, however funding for training the mentors is still undetermined.

Jill Silva – attended a conference where she learned about the law suit in San Bernardino County over the lack of services offered to kids in Juvenile Hall. Probation, the School Districts and Mental Health did not cooperate with each other to work with the families and individuals involved. In Stanislaus County there is a multi-disciplinary team who meet to discuss the individuals and how to deal with their specific situations. This open communication between the different departments helps provide the services necessary to meet the needs of the individuals and their families.

Education – Ruben Pina - The conference at CSUS this past weekend for Latino Students had over 800 students in attendance. Students from other ethnic backgrounds were also in attendance. The focus of the conference was education and gang prevention.

Students who do not pass CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam) but receive a Certificate of Completion, can now go back to their high schools and get the help they need to get their diploma.

Raul Garcia – Opening Night Celebration for Youth Action Commission of Stanislaus County is October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., Maddux Youth Center, 615 Sierra Drive, Modesto. This newly formed Youth Action Commission is designed to increase and develop young teen’s self-esteem, cooperation, discipline and encouragement through mentoring within a safe environment.

Housing – William Fagan – A new affordable housing development providing 2 and 3 bedroom homes for families is in process. 20 homes will be available.

### **IV. PRESENTATION OF DRAFT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT**

**Contact Rosemary with any changes or suggestions. Cheryl will send out the final report before the next meeting.**

### **V. CHANGE IN BY-LAWS**

**Changes were presented and will be voted on at the November meeting.**

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2008**

No additional nominations were submitted. **Ballots are to be turned in before 4:15 p.m. at the November meeting.**

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Child Abuse Prevention Council – Juan Ramirez – Presentation of Shaken Baby Syndrome DVD. Kick-off of the campaign is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Emanuel, Oak Valley, Doctors and Memorial Medical Centers will be educating all parents of newborn babies starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents will sign a pledge to take home with them as a reminder to never shake a baby.

Child and Families Commission – John Sims – Next meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Patterson School District Office. Three agenda items: 1) Results to a 2 years study on infant mortality in Stanislaus County. 2) Health Services Agency presentation on the Healthy Cubs Program. 3) Presentation on the Family Justice Center.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING:**

**November 14, 2007**

3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Salida Library

4835 Sisk Road

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Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children's Council Coordinator