



Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes
January 16, 2008

Members Present:

Vicki Bauman for Tom Changnon, Office of Education
Larry Sikma for Adam Christianson, Sheriff
Carol Shipley for Birgit Fladager, District Attorney
Melda Gaskins for Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools
Doris Foster, Chief Executive Office
Raul Garcia, Hispanic Leadership Council
Lisa Henry for Veronica Garcia, Local Child Resource and Referral Agency
Dick Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center
Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative
Nancy Fisher for Mary Ann Lee, Health Services Agency
Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative
Bob Loretelli, Superintendent, Hickman Schools
Dick Monteith, Board of Supervisors Representative
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative
Maria Alvarez for Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation
Dan Rosas for John Sims, Children and Families Commission
Bergen Filgas for Jan Viss, Community Services Agency
Mitch Paine for Chief Roy Wasden, Modesto Police Department

Staff Present: Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

Guests Present: Mark Loeser, Chief Executive Office, Patricia Segouano, Youth Action Commission of Stanislaus County

Meeting began at 3:37 p.m.

I. WELCOME

Dick Jacobs, Chair

II. MINUTES from December 19, 2007 approved:

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Helen White, Community Representative

Moved by Judy Loretelli
Seconded by Vicki Bauman
Motion carried unanimously

III. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Raul – advised he is no longer with El Concilio Community Center, but is with the Hispanic Leadership Council.

Dan – announced Children and Families Commission will not be meeting this month. Next month program evaluation and budget will be on the agenda.

Rod – is teaching again at Modesto High School. Uses a lot of positive motivation in teaching to help encourage students and help them to see they can be successful. Would like to write a book or develop a program to help at risk teenagers. Would appreciate any suggestions or ideas.

IV. ONE-MINUTE STATUS REPORTS BY DOMAIN

Law Enforcement

Mitch – Modesto Police Department is continuing the same programs as last year.

Jill – Probation – grant funded programs will be affected if the proposed state budget goes through. Some of the crime prevention programs have already been operating on carry over funds so there will be some negative impact on the programs offered. Early release of offenders from the adult prisons will definitely have an impact on the police departments' as they will be released without any supervision.

Carol – Regional Training in dealing with sexual assault, elder abuse and domestic violence will be held February 26th and 27th. This training is in preparation for the opening of the Family Justice Center. There is no cost and members of law enforcement, prosecution, medical advocates and social workers are encouraged to attend.

Education

Vicki – currently writing 6 state grants and 1 federal grant. Not really affected by the state budget yet, as the money allotted to these programs cannot be touched unless it goes back to the voters.

Carol – there are 2 Junior High Schools participating in the Drug Store Program. Oakdale, May 5 & 6 and Yolo (Newman), May 12 & 13. Encouraged anyone who has not seen it to attend one of them.

Lisa – grant applications have been completed for general Child Care for various locations across the county as well as assisted grant writing for state preschools. Head start has been reauthorized by the President with the biggest change being homeless children being given top priority.

Social Services

Bergen – reoccurrence of maltreatment is down by 3.7%, which is lower than the last time these numbers were gathered. This is children who have had no reports of maltreatment once reunified with the parent(s).

A reduction of \$83 million from Child Welfare was proposed by the Governor, so which programs to reduce services are under consideration at this time.

Community

Raul – Stanislaus County Youth Action Commission held a community forum in December with 100 participants. They selected various issues to work on such as gang and community safety, immigration and health. This Saturday the first workshop is being offered with a gang specialist speaking. This workshop is training for youth to run their own conference at CSUS in March.

The Hispanic Leadership Council is working together with the City of Modesto in putting together a grant application for Tuolumne Regional Park. The focus being, creating activities for the Hispanic Leadership Council at various schools in the county.

Judy – The Turlock City Council has approved a \$35 million public safety center. The Mayors gang task force is working on a survey to parents to determine their needs. Turlock is also considering adding more police and the possibility of having its own crime prevention team. Currently working on summer programs for Wakefield and Cunningham Schools. The homeless shelter is at its maximum every night with people being turned away. Turlock Gospel Mission is starting to serve families with children, but it does not offer overnight.

Maria – have had a couple of partnerships with the fire department in training Spanish speaking youth and parents who will be involved in providing information throughout the county regarding disaster prevention.

V. VOTING ON BY-LAW CHANGES

Vote to remove from the By-Laws, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Committee and Stanislaus Child Development Local Planning Council Committee as standing committees: motioned by Rod Landes
seconded by Judy Kindle
motion passed unanimously

VI. CONDITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT

Printing and distribution of 2007 Report

Cheryl to email the report in PDF form to all Council Members and Board of Supervisors. Members may make copies for distribution. The report also to be added to the website.

Dan Rosas completed the press release for The Modesto Bee and all other local newspapers. It will be sent out immediately.

Sub-Committees for 2008 Report

Child Health Committee – Nancy (lead), Judy L. Madelyn

Child Care Committee – Veronica

Education – Vicki (lead), Melda, John, Raul, Bob, Rod

Child Abuse and Neglect – Jan (lead), Judy K. Doris, DA Representative, Judge McFadden

Crime and Delinquency – Jill (lead), Linda, Rosemary, DA Representative, Raul, Larry, MPD Representative

Child Poverty – Jan

Under child health, the suicide rate to be included in 2008 report. Carol will forward suicide statistics to Nancy.

Leads of committees to call committee together if necessary. Statistics with references due February 20.

All references from 2007 Report to be submitted to Cheryl for the Children’s Council records.

Children NOW Report Card – Dick – may consider using for comparison data in the future.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Child Abuse Prevention Council – Carol – Art Contest for the calendar is going on now with February 22nd as the deadline for the art entries. CAPC will judge the art, with the Children’s Council being the final judges. Winners will be awarded at the Board of Supervisors meeting the third Tuesday in April.

Any money donations towards the contest is appreciated including the purchasing of the calendars 2008 calendars

Shaken Baby Syndrome Campaign – 90% of parents at Emmanuel Medical Center are completing the program. Doctors Medical Center is having some difficulty in implementing. Phase two will include getting the information to the doctors offices, schools, family resource centers and other places that could use the information.

Children and Families Commission – 355 people have registered to attend the 5th annual Child Care Provider Conference at MJC being held February 9, 2008. Topics include healthy behavior, from the child care perspective, mental health and stress, literacy and the environment, childhood behavior and trauma in the child care setting and healthy snacks.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dick – How disaster planning affects children’s services and families and how they can best be prepared. Vicki mentioned Chief Henshaw is working on this now and suggested he be invited to share on this topic. Dick suggested a later spring presentation.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children’s Council Coordinator