



Stanislaus County Children's Council Minutes  
October 15, 2008

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Christine Applegate, Community Services Agency  
Lori Buendia, Golden Valley Health Centers  
Tom Changnon, Superintendent of Schools  
Adam Christianson, Sheriff  
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way  
Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative  
William Fagan,  
Stanislaus County Housing Authority  
Birgit Fladager, District Attorney  
Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools  
Raul Garcia, Community Representative  
Veronica Garcia  
Local Child Care Resource and Referral  
Craig Gundlach  
Child Development Local Planning Council  
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  
Mark Loeser, Chief Executive Office  
Judith R. Loretelli, District 2 Representative  
Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court  
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative  
Dick Monteith, Board of Supervisors  
Laura Ochoa-Sanchez, Community Representative  
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative  
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Terry Plett, Disability Resource Agency for  
Independent Living (DRAIL)  
Karen Poppen, Keyes Union School District  
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 Task Force  
Ka Yang, Community Representative

**Members Present:**

Chris Applegate, Community Services Agency  
Lori Buendia, Golden Valley Health Centers  
Kari Abbey for Sheriff Adam Christianson  
Bill Fagan, Stanislaus County Housing Authority  
Carol Shipley, District Attorney  
Raul Garcia, Gallo Center for the Arts  
Adrian Carroll for Denise Hunt, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative  
Honorable Linda McFadden, Superior Court  
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Maria Alvarez for Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative  
Terry Plett, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living  
Jill Silva for Jerry Powers, Probation  
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Alcohol and Drug Programs  
Kristin Olsen for Ham Shirvani, President CSUS  
Jan Viss, Community Services Agency  
Chief Roy Wasden, Domestic Violence Task Force  
Gene Balentine for Chief Roy Wasden  
Ka Yang, The Bridge

**Staff Present:** Cheryl Heppner, Coordinator

**Guests Present:** Dr. Patricia Frerking, Tara Sisemore-Hester, Pam Thompson, Valley Mountain Regional Center.

Meeting began 3:35 p.m.

**I. WELCOME**

Jill Silva, Chair-elect

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

**III. MINUTES from September 17, 2008 to be approved at November 19, 2008 meeting.**

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**IV. PRESENTATION “AUTISM” Dr. Frerking, Tara Sisemore-Hester and Pam Thompson, Valley Mountain Regional Center**

**V. REPORTS BY DOMAIN**

**Community Based**

No report.

**Health**

Maria – The Health Fair held at Hanshaw Middle School was very well attended. The long lines of people was an indication of the need for help in the community.

**Law Enforcement**

Gene – The 5 week operation at Beyer High School resulted in 4 students who attend the school being arrested for attempting to sell drugs at the school to an undercover officer. It was a good opportunity to get the word out to parents and students regarding drug sales and use. The plan is to carry this operation out at other schools.

Carol – There has been difficulty getting child sexual assault exams done in this county. Steps are being taken forward to allow local hospitals to be trained to be able to do these exams for children as well as adults. Memorial Hospital has people trained and are willing to offer these services to law enforcement at no cost. Still working with the county hospital and HSA who are willing to have people trained to work in this area.

**Education**

No report.

**Housing**

Bill – For the first time in 22 years the state will be closing down one of the migrant centers because of not enough money to keep operating. Stanislaus County has the largest migrant program in the state. It is unknown at this time which center will be closed.

**Community**

Judy L. – The Mental Health Services Act, mental health prevention and intervention planning stakeholders meeting was held in Turlock yesterday and was very well attended.

**VI. PRESENTATION OF OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2008**

Chair – Jill Silva  
Chair-Elect – Jan Viss

Vice-Chair – Judy Loretelli  
Past Chair – Dick Jacobs

**Ballots must be received by 4:15 p.m. on November 19, 2008. If you are not able to attend the Council meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>, ballots may be emailed to Cheryl prior to that day.**

## **VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Coordinators Report**

Cheryl – October 14, 2008 the Modesto Bee printed an article on the “Condition of Children and Youth” 2008 Report. The Ceres Courier printed an article in today’s paper (October 15).

“Condition of Children and Youth” Report 2008 available with background color removed as it copies more clear when printing in black and white. The Children’s Council will be printing in black and white instead of color due to cost.

Annual report to Board of Supervisors is almost complete. Category leads are to send in a generalization/summary of what the results mean in their respective categories for the presentation. Also, it is requested the leads attend the presentation at Board of Supervisors meeting to answer any questions that may be asked. All Council Members will be notified of the date of the presentation.

November 1, 2008, will be attending the Stanislaus County Annual Board Retreat.

Jill – The Children’s Council support services budget through CSA, has been decreased for fiscal year 2008-09. Cheryl will continue at this time to maintain council business, but it is unknown what is going to happen with the budget since it is still unknown how much decrease CSA will have to take. The Executive Committee has discussed alternative funding options however everyone has had to decrease budgets at this time. In the future, it may need to be discussed at the Children’s Council level how to maintain the support services or if the Council will continue meeting as an information sharing group and providing information such as the “Condition of Children and Youth” report to the community.

## **VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

November 19<sup>th</sup>, City of Turlock Recreation After School Programs.

## **IX. NEXT MEETING**

**November 19, 2008**

Meeting adjourned 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cheryl Heppner, Children’s Council Coordinator