



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of Board Meeting May 22, 2008

Members Present: Daryl Hanson, Kathy Lafferty, Cathy Roof, Judy Waggoner, Margaret Wiegert Jacobs, Deborah Penry, Lynn Pfeiffer, Doug Rowe, Joan Means, Sue Houweling and Carolyn Johnson

Members Absent: Gloria Hartsough, Alexandra Montgomery, and Virginia Richardson

Staff Present: Ruth Fernandez, Susan Magnone and Sue Christy

Guests: Patty Pin, CCCOE
Patrick Shannon, YMCA
Heather Quarterman, Chapman University
Geri Quiliu, CCAEYC
Sohyla Fathi, Contra Costa Child Care Council

1. Opening Procedures:

a) Welcome/Introductions:

Chair Kathy Lafferty asked for introductions all around.

b) Agenda review and adoption:

Chair Lafferty asked for agenda review and any changes. Chair Lafferty asked for amendment to agenda: that the Legislation Report she presents be moved from agenda item 7.0 to after agenda item 3.0 due to her need to leave the meeting early.

Motion was made to approve amended agenda. *Amended agenda adopted.*

c) Consider Approval of Minutes:

Chair Lafferty asked for approval of March 27, 2008 meeting minutes.

Motion was made to approve minutes. *Minutes adopted.*

2. Public Comment:

Public may speak on any item not on agenda.

Deborah Penry commented on CARE Parent Network Resources.

3. Nominating Committee:

Judy Waggoner reported she and Doug Rowe would continue to serve on committee until Chair position is filled. Phone calls have been made asking for nominations with no success. Seat will be vacant until election in July. Carolyn Johnson was nominated as 1st Vice Chair and Daryl Hanson as 2nd Vice Chair. Doug made motion to adopt existing slate. *Motion adopted.*

Discussion: Margaret Wiegert Jacobs asked about other vacant positions. 15 Board members plus 2 applicants = 17 total members if all positions were filled. 8 positions are currently vacant. Parent and Family Care needed as members. Ruth Fernandez reminded all that the State mandates equity from all 5 categories so all voices are represented. A change of meeting time/day may be needed to accommodate Family Child Care. Kathy Lafferty suggested a survey of past and present members for meeting time/date (usually discussed at retreat). She will help develop a questionnaire. Daryl Hanson asked if there was a network provided in this area as outreach. *Item to be discussed.* Ruth Fernandez recognized and thanked Kathy Lafferty, Cathy Roof and Sue Houweling for their leadership and advocate rolls as they leave their positions.

4. Legislation Report:

Kathy Lafferty reported on the progress made regarding the Child Care Board Ordinance that called for LPC, Child Care Council and First 5 to meet with Bob Calkins, Manager of CDBG - Community Development Block Grants to review current Child Care Ordinance and funds collected through Developer fees. Discussion: Joan Means said that Contra Costa First 5 would have a new plan June 2009. Broader spectrum – more services. First 5 meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 PM – public comments allowed. Margaret Wiegert Jacobs said that there is a Legislator that wants to take First 5 money.

5. Presentation of “Countywide Child Care Plan 2008-2011”

Ruth Fernandez provided background history on the formation of the LPC and State mandates for all Local Planning Councils. Ruth showed the Needs Assessment binder – data is also accessible at CCCOE and First 5 websites. State may change how priorities are established. Ruth shared that there is a statewide effort to standardize how LPC’s collect their data for their Needs Assessment. Ruth reviewed purpose of plan, which is to “be a guide and resource that will drive the agenda of child care services that will meet the needs of Contra Costa County’s children and families. The goals and objectives identified in this plan will be accomplished through collaboration between public, private and community agencies and coordination of new and existing services and resources in the county”. The plan goes to the Contra Costa County Superintendent of Schools, the County Board of Superintendent, then to CDE. Ruth asked for questions and input. The plan will be presented to the Family and Human Services Committee on May 27, 2008. Let Ruth know about those that would benefit from materials. From Susan Magnone: presented plan to Cabinet. Action: vote on accepting draft. *Approved.*

6. AB212 2008-2009 State Plan Report – Ruth Fernandez:

State report due May 30. Haven’t received forms yet. State budget = 25.9% cut for AB212. Ruth requested a special meeting before May 30 to approve/accept plan. Build a budget that was approved in March. PDP changes. AB212 gives LPC money for Professional Development in State funded programs.

Advisory Committee – Kathy Lafferty, Margaret Wiegert Jacobs, Virginia Richardson (Chair), Judy Waggoner and Deborah Penry.
Ruth will set-up: conference call, email ahead of time to committee with possible date/time Wednesday. Motion was made to okay meeting. *Approved.*

7. LPC Coordinator's Report:

Ruth Fernandez was pleased with Kindergarten Symposium outcome. Evaluations were good.
Director Leadership – coaching/mentoring. Finished with 6 in program. Attended PACE conference in April.

8. LPC Committee Report:

Legislation Report– see agenda item # 4
Advocacy Committee – Young Children's Issues Forum and Legislative Forum – need dates to hold. Advocacy Committee can do. Check against other events the first 2 weeks of October or end of September on a Saturday. Possibly Saturday, October 4th. Motion to recommend October 4th to committee.

9. Meetings attended by council members –

Doug Rowe – he attended a Preschool Foundations presentation for Community College Instructors– interesting meeting. Looked at language. Is District driven. Arts made it into the document.

10. LPC Member Questions/Comments

No questions/comments

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting – *approved* and meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.