



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of Board Meeting/Retreat November 20, 2008

- Members Present: Doug Rowe, Daryl Hansen, Carolyn Johnson, Deborah Penry, Lynn Pfeiffer, Kathy Lafferty, Margaret Weigert-Jacobs, Alexandra Montgomery, Cathy Roof
- Members Absent: Gloria Hartsough, Heather Quarterman, Sue Houweling, Patrick Shannon, Joan Means, Virginia Richardson, Judy Waggoner
- Staff Present: Ruth Fern_nde z, Sue Christy and Terrissa Hein
- Guests: Cally Martin and Tracy Irwin, First 5 Contra Costa
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1.0 Opening Procedures:

- Welcome/Introductions:
 - Ruth Fern_nde z, Coordinator reviewed ground rules for making the meeting more productive.
 - Carolyn Johnson, Chair welcomed everyone and asked for introductions all around.
- Agenda review and adoption:
 - Chair Johnson asked for agenda review and any changes. Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda and seconded. *Agenda adopted.*
- Consider Approval of Past Minutes:
 - Chair Johnson asked for any changes to and approval of September 25, 2008 meeting minutes.
 1. Margaret asked for amendment to item 6.0 = change art event venue to CCC not DVC.
 2. Kathy asked for amendment to item 7.0 = change reimbursement for Title V to center-based child care.
 - Motion was made to approve minutes with corrections and seconded. *Minutes adopted.*

2.0 Public Comment:

- Doug Rowe from City of Walnut Creek commented on the effect of the economy on Early Childhood and arts programs.

3.0 First 5 Contra Costa Strategic Planning:

- Cally Martin, Deputy Director talked of changes in landscape – funding, systems, training needs and advocacy. Encouraged all to visit the online survey on the First 5 website after Thanksgiving.

4.0 World Caf_ & Visioning Activity:

- Child Care Plan –
 - Ruth mentioned the LPC plan model will be adopted State wide
- Activity
 - Five (5) Child Care Plan goals were listed on separate posters. Members worked in teams of two (2) changing from one (1) goal to another every ten (10) minutes. Teams wrote/drew their ideas of reaching each goal.

5.0 Speakers Bureau:

- Doug and Margaret presented ideas/guidelines regarding an LPC Speakers Bureau –
 - let others know we exist, become visible, connect with community – School Districts, City Councils, Rotary.
 - What information would be given, how and to whom?
 - Think about becoming part of the Speakers Bureau.
 - Ruth has two (2) upcoming presentations: January 21 for Concord Rotary and in February for Soroptomist & Richmond Rotary
 - Need introduction letter – what we are and that we're here along with list of LPC vacancies

6.0 Standing Committee Structure:

- Concern for projects that don't get enough thought and discussion
- There is no defined definition/purpose for each committee
 - Each Committee will write down what they will work on
- Steering Committees consists of LPC members, Standing Committees could also contain friends of LPC members
- School age committee separate or part of another committee? Needs more attention given. Daryl was asked if she would present on the school age program at the next meeting.
- Advocacy Committee: Lexi Montgomery will co-chair with Cathy Roof
- Ruth will send an email to members asking them to sign-up for a committee if they aren't a part of one;

7.0 Young Children's Issues Forum 2009:

- Location - West Contra Costa County – *Motion approved.*
- Date/time – Will wait for Dr.Ovick's availability
- Theme – present several ideas at first meeting
 - Include Dr. Ovick and John Gioia in first planning meeting
- Consider adding extra time to recognize/give award to teachers/corporations
 - Ruth will advise on criteria

8.0 LPC Coordinator's Updates:

- Ruth went over packet given to members
- Still don't have an executed AB212 contract

9.0 Where Do the Children Play?

- Ruth read synopsis and then all watched film.
- Discussion and thoughts regarding film
 - Doug told of how Japan blocks a street every Sunday so kids can play

10.0 Closing

- Discussed different ways we can be a forum of how to do things with parents and providers
- Motion to adjourn meeting – *Motion approved.*
 - Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

