

Family and Children's Trust Committee
April 7, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present

Mary Kay Miller, chair, Simone Gikanga, Belinda Lucey, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Olga Jones, Karin Kauzer, Joe DeLuca, Ana Cortez, Marianne Gagen. Ruth Fernandez came at 9:45.

Members absent:

Debra_Vinson, Lisa Johnson, Carol Carillo (non-voting).

Staff Present: Elaine Burren

Staff Absent: Mary Jane Harris

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:35.

Acceptance of Minutes

Olga Jones moved that we accept the minutes. Belinda seconded. It passed unanimously. Ayes: Miller, Lucey, Coleman-Clark, Jones, Kauzer, DeLuca, Gagen. Nays: 0; Abstain: Gikanga; Absent: Johnson, Vinson, Fernandez

Membership Updates: Ana Cortez's membership has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Site Visit reports

Contra Costa Child Care Council serves 21 families with 35 children, and no teen parents. They help providers to be credentialed by the state, provide parent as well as provider education including provider education for special needs children. Families are served thruout the county. Since this contract ends in June, they are spending down their FACT money. Children funded by the FACT money will be transferred into another state program. With additional money, the council also funds the home work club at the ***Interfaith Housing Program***.

Data oriented Evaluation Process Discussion

The sub committee met at First 5 (FF) to see how they publicized their programs. First 5 is working on getting data on program effectiveness. Their website is user friendly, updated regularly, and very impressive. It lists their partners. Our current website needs to be updated. The County is responsible for updating the information on our current website. Professional help should also be used.

Joe passed out information from the FF website as well as some draft info that we could put on our website including listing our providers and their services.

Joe researched various programs and their metrics including awareness, prevention, intervention, and sustainability. One problem is that there is little consistency among programs for evaluation due to variables in causes and effect.

We are now at a point in which we need to give direction to the sub committee and then work on the website. We discussed possibilities for developing the website further: using a volunteer, the Lucille Packard Foundation, etc.

Ruth, Joe, Karin, and Mark Kay will meet to set up a timeline before our next meeting for getting the website up and running. The timeline will include funding, design, publicity, and breadth into social media.

Olga moved that we support Joe in allowing him to get support from business leaders and health systems with the draft brochure that he put together with one picture change showing more diversity. Karin seconded. It passed unanimously: Ayes: Miller, Lucey, Coleman–Clark, Jones, Kauzer, DeLuca, Fernandez, Gikanga, Gagen. Nays: 0; Absent: Johnson, Vinson.

Discussion/Announcements/Additions/Public Comment

Ruth passed out the Needs Assessment Report and the Economic Impact Report that was recently completed by the Contra Costa Local Planning Council for Child Care and Development (LPC) and the Contra Costa County Office of Education.

A discussion ensued on our potential role in funding childcare, since our current child care funds will end in June. We will look at that issue when we do our needs assessment in the fall.

Ruth also passed out info re legislation that is currently being considered : SB 837, Kindergarten Readiness Act; the companion bill SB 1123 to expand access for low income infants, toddlers and parents to quality learning and parental support services.; and AB 1902 that eliminates part day state preschool fees.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned a 10:55.

NEXT MEETING:

May 5, 2014, 9:30-11:30 PM, 40 Douglas Drive, Room 101/102