Family and Children's Trust Committee November 4, 2013 Minutes of Meeting

Members Present

Mary Kay Miller, chair, ,Belinda Lucey, Alicia Coleman-Clark, Olga Jones, Joe DeLuca, Simone Gikanga, Carol Carillo, Marianne Gagen, Debra Vinson, Lisa Johnson. Jill Ray, representing Candace Anderson, attended as well.

Staff Present

Rhonda Smith. Elaine Burres

Call to order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:35.

Review of Minutes (8/12/13)

Joe moved to accept, Belinda seconded. Minutes approved unanimously. There were no minutes for the October meeting as it did not take place due to lack of a quorum.

2013-14 Schedule/Membership

Schedule of 2014 meetings was reviewed.

Marianne Gagen moved that we recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Karin Kauzer become an at large committee member. Alicia Coleman-Clark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rhonda noted that a sub committee had interviewed Karin last month and was extremely impressed by her enthusiasm and her qualifications and made the recommendation to the full Committee.

Remaining conflict of interest forms were turned in.

Jill reported that Supervisor Candace Anderson had contacted Districts 1 and 4 to remind them to appoint representatives.

Marianne Gagen moved that we add School Representative to the membership category in the Policies and Procedures. Debra Vinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Current Contracts

The roster for the site visit teams was reviewed.

The C.A.R.E. Parent Network and C.O.P.E contracts were reviewed and discussed. We also discussed the issues of evaluation and various tools for determining the effectiveness of the programs. Standards for program evaluation will be discussed at the January and February meetings.

Site Visit Reports

Debra reported on **Ujima**. It is an excellent program that is flexible in addressing the issues that the children have. It is a model for other programs. It does an excellent job of transportation for the children. In addition to the support services that the children receive, the program exposes children to field trips to athletic and cultural events that they otherwise would not be able to experience.

Debra also reported on **Crossroads**. She was concerned that the new director with whom they met did not have information on some of the issues that were raised. The new director said that she would gather the information that the site team requested. In general it is an excellent program that provides a much needed service. Debra will report back to the committee in January.

Debra also reported on the **Jewish Family and Children's Services.** The families are very involved with the services that the program provides. It is a model program for supporting families.

Budget Update/Current Contracts

We are on track with our budget. We have a large carry over at the moment that will be spent when C.A.R.E Parent Network and C.O.P.E are on 12 month funding next year instead of the current 9 months.

<u>Update from Child Abuse Prevention Council</u>

California now has a mandate that all child welfare services must operate on a new child welfare model to make sure that all children in the system are screened for mental health and receive services if needed.

Carol will be attending a conference on the realignment of the system and will report back in the future.

Open Discussion/Additions

Rhonda reported that she has been replaced by Mary Jane Harris who will join us in December.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06.

NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2013 9:30-11:30 PM 40 Douglas Drive Rm. 101/102