



Policy Council on Children and Youth & Mendocino Child Abuse Prevention Council

**Minutes
March 16, 2017**

OPEN MEETING/CALL TO ORDER/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Sheryn Hildebrand called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. Members present were; Jena Conner, Natasha Carter, Kathryn Cavness, Teri Sedrick, Sheryn Hildebrand, Carol Kelsey, Roseanne Ibarra, Claudia Macias de Ortega, Joanna Olson and Laura Welter by phone from Safe Passage in Fort Bragg. Non-members present were; Victoria Kelly, Schuyler Marciaer, Barbara Bloom and Justin Benninger. Minutes taken by Joy Beeler of HHSA.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Quorum Check: Requirement met.

Minutes: Minutes for the February 16, 2017 meeting

Teri Sedrick noted that the week of the young child was not being presented by Head Start as stated in the minutes and asked that the correction be made.

Teri Sedrick motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, Jena Conner seconded and the motion carried via roll call vote.

Ayes: 7 Abstain: 0

Resolution to remove commission member Paula Martin seat #16 and Albert “buck” Ganter Seat #20. Claudia Macias de Ortega motioned to approve the resolutions, Jena Conner seconded and the motion carried via roll call vote.

Ayes: 7 Abstain: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

RFA PRESENTATION:

Jena Conner passed out copies of a PowerPoint, “Mendocino County FCS Resource Family Approval Overview” to all. Jena then reviewed the document, noting that;

- RFA is a new State requirement for approving all individuals/families, including relatives and nonrelative extended family members, to care for foster children/youth in out-of-home placement as of 1-1-17.
- The new process unifies approval standards for all caregivers.
- RFA is part of the Continuum of Care Reform (designed out of an understanding that children who must live apart from their biological parents do best when they are cared for in committed nurturing family homes).
- Eliminates duplication.
- Prepares families to better meet the needs of vulnerable children.
- Allows seamless transition to permanency.

- All will be “Resource Families”.
- RFA components include: home environment assessment, permanency assessment and background check assessment.
- Homes approved or who began the approval process prior to January 1, 2017 must convert to a Resource Family Home by December 2019
- Existing Foster Parents will receive notification by July laying out a timeline for their conversion process.

BY-LAW RECOMMENDATION:

Chairperson Sheryn Hildebrand inquired if members had any questions of the recommended Bylaw changes. There was discussion and it was decided to change pg. 11 bullet at bottom of page to “All nonprofit proposals to utilize the \$3,000.00 reserve are required to be submitted prior to the first meeting of the calendar year”. Joy Beeler will make the change and the item will be agendaized for the April meeting. It was noted that Lake County’s Children’s Council would like to have a joint meeting with PCCY at least once per year.

REPORTS:

Children’s Action Committee (CAC) – Sheryn Hildebrand reported that CAC is holding a pinwheel contest to coincide with April’s Child Abuse Prevention month- Tuesday, April 18th is set to present the annual report to the BOS from 11-12pm and she encourages everyone to attend.

Schuyler Marcier from the Arbor Resource Center shared plans to hold an essay contest; open to all youth ages 12-18 as a follow up to the publication “Inside/Outside”. Entries are due May 5th. Contact Schuyler Marcier 462-7267 for more information.

Mendocino Coast Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council (MCCAPCC) – Laura Welter reported on the activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Plans include; “love is ... love is not signs”, quarters for Wildwood Campground, “Raising of America” and April 7th “First Friday” family event at Town Hall. Laura will send flyers to Joy for distribution.

Children’s Health Committee (CHC) – None

UC Davis Organizational Assessment – Jena Conner reported that the presentation to the BOS has been set for April 18th. She will have a new calendar/timeline to share with the committee at the April meeting.

Teri Sedrick shared that the Week of the Young Child is scheduled for April 22nd from 10 – 1 pm at the Alex Thomas Plaza.

WISH EXERCISE:

Will be continued to April agenda.

ADJOURN MEETING

Agenda items for next month’s meeting to include: By-law recommendation, Wish exercise, Letter of support for AB1164 Foster Care.

Joy will send out agenda item requests in the beginning of April so if you want to see something added to the agenda be sure to fill one out and return it to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM