
M E E T I N G M I N U T E S

GROUP: **LANE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

DATE: January 23, 2008

MEETING LOCATION: Carmichael Room – John Serbu Youth Campus
2727 Martin Luther King Boulevard – Eugene

CCF MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Hampton, Chair; Marty Beyer, Chuck Boyer, Betsy Clewett, Abigael Fender, Karen Hamilton, Debra Depew, Teresa Kintigh, John Radich, Shirley Swank, Sharri da Silva

CCF MEMBERS ABSENT: Debi Farr, Andy Whitmore, Kitty Piercy, Ryan Stroup, Rob Jerome, Angel Jones, Joachim Schulz, Peter Sorenson, and Faye Stewart

CCF STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hays, Christine Rogers, Diana Avery, Darcy O’Keefe, Robin Schaefer, Nancy Bischofs and Matt Honore

OTHERS PRESENT: CA Baskerville, Karen Roth

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Meeting Agenda
Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2007 & December 5, 2007
Lane County Commission on Children and Families Working Agreements
Lane County Commission on Children and Families Issue Brief
Lane County’s Six-year Priorities for Planning Implementation and Measuring Results For Children, Youth and Families Executive Summary January 14, 2008
Lane County Commission on Children and Families Bylaws
Commission Mission, Guiding Principles, Strategic Objectives
Youth Council: Frequently Asked Questions
Commission Calendar of Events
Public Safety coordinating Council 2008 Report Card

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson Judy Hampton called the meeting of the Lane County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) to order at 5:45 p.m. She invited those who were present to introduce themselves.

Matt Honore from the Lane County Department of Children and Families announced the upcoming Project Homeless Connect event on February 7 at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Currently the project is looking for volunteers. Anyone who is interested can get more information on the 211 Lane Website by clicking on the link.

II. LANE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

CA Baskerville from the Lane County Department of Health and Human Services gave an overview of the 2009-2011 Lane County Mental Health & Addictions Implementation plan. Highlights of the plan included: collaboration with the commission’s planning process; housing; loss of funding for detox services; and merging of mental health services at community health centers. Ms. Baskerville asked the commission to authorize its Executive Committee to review the plan and make comments to be included in it’s submission to the state. Chairperson Hampton invited all members to attend the Executive Committee

meeting, and asked Ms. Baskerville to email the plan to the entire CCF so that others could participate in the process.

III. LANE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Commission Director, Alicia Hays gave an update on the submission of the Commission's community plan, saying thirty-three out of thirty-six counties turned their plans in on time. Ms. Hays handed out copies of the Executive Summary submitted to the state.

Ms. Hays stated the next step in the process is at the February CCF meeting, Karen Ray, a professional facilitator known for her consulting experience working with government, community and non-profit agencies, will work with the commission to develop a plan how to move forward in developing a work-plan to support the community focus areas for the biennium.

Ms. Ray will begin the day in a work session with the Early Childhood Planning Team (ECPT) and various community leaders and partners developing a work plan for the priority areas. At the end of the day, their work will be presented to the commission as information for consideration when planning ways to support community focus area efforts.

Ms. Baskerville proposed that the Commission hold a joint meeting with the Mental Health Advisory Committee to begin building a partnership around the issue of mental health services for transitional youth ages 16-24.

IV. YOUTH COUNCIL

Mr. Honore stated the City of Eugene needs youth voice. One fifth of the population needs youth representation, and of the fifteen city institutionalized boards & commissions, there are two youth positions.

DCF staff Darcy O'Keefe stated that the focus of the project is on sustainability of a youth council. She believes bringing the youth council into the HRC creates an avenue for youth to have an inside voice into City government with direct access as advocates & policymakers. She further explained that youth issues are community issues and that engaged youth feel empowered and have a sense of belonging, which in turn promotes good citizenship.

Mr. Honore spoke about the power of authentic youth voice in government and the importance of youth advocacy for programs and services to be utilized by their cohorts. Youth want to have a meaningful role in the decision making process rather than having choices made for them. The youth council concept includes a work plan & agenda to address community issues. Age groups have yet to be determined. The proposal is that the Youth Council becomes a fourth advisory sub-committee to the HRC.

Ms. O'Keefe asked the commission for a letter of support written to the City of Eugene. Commission members discussed her request, and Commission member *Chuck Boyer motioned that the commission writes a letter in support of the concept of youth advocacy directed at the Human Rights Commission. Commission member Marty Beyer moved, and the motion was seconded by Commission member Debra Depew. Passed unanimously.* Letter will be drafted and sent out to the commission prior to signature by Chairperson Hampton.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Hampton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28 and December 5 meeting along with the LCCCF Working Agreements. Commission member Karen Hamilton moved seconded by Commission members John Radich and Chuck Boyer. *Passed unanimously.*

VI. VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Ms. Hays reminded the commission that in November Commission member Boyer was nominated as vice chair. She asked for a motion to approve his election. Commission member Shirley Swank moved seconded by Commission members Hamilton & da Silva. *Passed unanimously.*

VII. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Staff person Christine Rogers reported on the youth membership vacancy process. Two applications were received and one interview held. One youth applicant declined to be interviewed after applying. Ms. Rogers presented an issue brief for the commission's approval to appoint one new youth member. Chairperson Hampton called for the motion to approve. Commission member Hamilton moved to approve the membership committee's recommendation to appoint Kevin Maloney. The motion was seconded by Commission member da Silva. *Passed unanimously.*

VIII. HEALTHY START UPDATE

The Healthy Start Clearinghouse contract has returned temporarily to the department due to decline in funding. Staff person Nancy Bischofs will coordinate the program during its transition period over the next few months. Currently Health & Human Services provides a staff person to support the program. Seeing that the position was only funded through July, Pam Earls chose to find another position within the County. Therefore, that position will be brought back into our department as well.

Because of bringing the program and the positions back to the department, there will be a cost savings. Out of meetings with Healthy Start staff came two priorities: increase opportunities to increase skills through training; and how to utilize the money within the community to increase service levels through increased screening or home visiting.

IX. CCF PUBLIC COMMENT APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BCC

The CCF Executive Committee asked staff to prepare a calendar and to bring to the full commission to discuss the idea of CCF members appearing before the Board of Commissioners during their public comment. Ms. Hays noted that Commission member Shirley Swank appeared earlier that day to talk about the county budget and the impacts it has on children and families. She asked the CCF to list ideas/events to add to the calendar. Several topics were mentioned: Youth Empowerment Summit, Head Start, Summer Food, Family Resource Center Week, Child Care in the Courthouse. Ms. Hays stated that the calendar might be a standing agenda item.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The County general fund is not as the Register Guard described. Managers and directors began the budget & prioritization process. Ms. Hays explained how the county process would proceed before the board votes on a final budget.

Ms. Hays distributed the Public Safety Coordinating Council 2008 Report Card. She stated that juvenile programs are not receiving adequate funding for services.

Commission member da Silva was asked to give an update on the Childcare in the Courthouse project. She stated that an open-house celebration & press conference is schedule for February 1, 12-2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The Childcare classroom is in the basement of the Lane County Public Service Building.

Ms. Hays reminded the commission that the next meeting is in the regular location, but March's meeting will be held at the Relief Nursery and April at CASA. May's meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Florence.

Staff person Diana Avery stated that the department recently received notice from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families that we are one of nine counties recommended for funding for our Run-away & Homeless Youth Grant proposal. Our proposal was recommended to be funded at \$125,000 for 18 months. Funds will service youth in the Cottage Grove & Creswell area. The package will go forward

to the Oregon Commission on Children and Families Executive Committee and then to the full Oregon Commission on Children and Families Commission for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

(Recorded by Christine Rogers)