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

GROUP: LANE COUNTY COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

DATE: March 19, 2008

MEETING LOCATION: Relief Nursery
1720 W 25th Ave – Eugene 97405

CCF MEMBERS PRESENT: Judith Hampton, Chair; Marty Beyer, Sharri daSilva, Abigail Fender, Karen Hamilton, Teresa Kintigh, Kevin Maloney, John Radich, Joachim Schulz, Faye Stewart, Ryan Stroup, Shirley Swank and Andy Whitmore

CCF MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Clewett, Debi Farr, Kitty Piercy, Karen Hamilton, Debra Depew, Chuck Boyer, Rob Jerome, Angel Jones and Peter Sorenson

CCF STAFF PRESENT: Alicia Hays, Christine Rogers, Serafina Clarke, Patricia Haley, Diana Avery and Robin Schaefer

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Inman, Steve Manela

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Meeting Agenda
Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2008
Lane County Preliminary General Fund Recommendations 2/5/08
Human Service Commission Impacts of No Renewal Budget
Lane County Status of Oregon's Children 2007
Child Care Focus Issue Draft Workplan
Home Visiting Focus Issue Draft Workplan
Mental Health Focus Issue Draft Workplan

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson Judith Hampton called the meeting of the Lane County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) to order at 5:42 p.m. There were no announcements and no public comment.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Hampton noted that the Consent Calendar included acceptance of the Minutes of the February 27, 2008, CCF meeting. As of 5:45pm, there was no quorum. Quorum was attained at 6:45pm. ***Minutes were approved unanimously. 12:0***

III. ADVISING THE BCC ON BUDGET IMPACT TO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Director Alicia Hays gave a brief description of the public comments made by CCF members and community partners at the previous BCC meeting. She invited the commission to continue discussions at the next Executive Committee meeting on April 7th how to best to utilize this time before the Board.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Director Alicia Hays gave a brief description of Kevin Manix's Initiative 40 to the Commission. John Radich noted that there is an article in the Oregonian that is very informative on the issue.

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Program Services Coordinator Diana Avery discussed the invitation of the DV Advocacy program in a policy option package with DHS. She asked the CCF for per-

mission to send the governor a letter of support. Commissioner Radich commented the need for DHS to have DV support, as it gives DHS staff a better understanding of Domestic Violence in the homes (that involve child welfare). Ms. Avery added that the program will yield positive outcomes for both families and DHS staff.

V. COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Lane County Budget Management Analyst Jennifer Inman presented the current Lane County budget process. She described the three possible budgets, and the BCC's recommendation by the County Administrator to move forward with the "No Renewal" budget (see handout). Ms. Inman stated that the county is currently in the middle of the process, and nothing on the handout is final, the numbers are constantly changing and not all services with "zeros" will for sure go away. Commissioner Stewart noted that some of the services are mandated by law, so research is being done on the most cost-effective ways of purchasing those services. Ms. Hays commented that the face of the county is going to drastically change, and she asked everyone to think about how they want to speak about it as a Commission.

Steve Manela from the Human Services Commission described the nature of the Commission with the impacts of the "No Renewal" budget on the services it provides (see handout). Currently, the HSC has created a workplan calendar and is looking at relationships with social services, youth services and public safety, as well as best practices from other communities.

Ms. Hays noted that the Dept of Children & Families will be presenting with HSC, Developmental Disabilities, Veterans Services, Animal Services and Extension Services at the May 6th Budget Committee Work Session. Chairperson Judith Hampton added that there will be two more executive committee meetings and one more Commission meeting before May 6th. Ms. Inman passed out her business cards and welcomed future contact.

IV. COMMUNITY PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS & COMMISSION WORLPLAN NEXT STEPS

Department of Children and Families (DCF) Senior Program Services Coordinator Serafina Clarke handed out the latest draft of the three focus area workplans: Increase Quality Childcare for 0-3, Reduce Child maltreatment for High Risk Families and Transitional Services for psychiatrically impaired youth/young adults ages 16-24. She requested the CCF to read through the workplans and choose an area or an issue that they have ideas about. She gave some examples of efforts that the CCF can do and encouraged their input throughout the planning process. Chairperson Judith Hampton noted that this will be on the agenda for the next executive committee. Ms. Clarke announced that the next ECPT meeting is Wednesday, March 26th at 8:30am and that the Mental Health Committee meets every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Ms. Hays announced that the next CCF meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd and that it would be held at CASA in Springfield.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

(Recorded by Robin B. Schaefer)