



**The Shasta Children and Families First Commission**

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Adopted Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2009**

**Attending Advisory Committee Members:**

Barbara Lapp  
Amy Pendergast  
Frank Sauer  
Tara Swanson  
Dorothy Tello

**Advisory Committee Members Not Present:**

Jane Nelson  
Kristi Osborn  
Susanna Sibilsky  
Jolene Thomas

**Staff:**

Muffy Berryhill  
Lillian Brown  
Liz Poole

**Audience:**

Tracy Ray, G.R.E.A.T. Partnership

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Muffy Berryhill called the meeting to order.

**2. Public Comment**

No comments were made.

**3. Approval of September 8, 2009 Advisory Committee Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes from September 8, 2009. Tara Swanson noted grammatical errors on page 3. The minutes were unanimously approved, as corrected.

#### **4. SCFFC Meeting**

##### **a. Report from September 23, 2009 SCFFC meeting**

- The Commission received a Results Evaluation Report regarding the School Readiness Initiative, from Evaluation Solutions.
- The Commission approved the contract for LFA Group for evaluation services.
- The Commission authorized an agreement with Triple P America for Community Triple P Training Courses.
- The Commission awarded a contract with Shasta County Public Health for a Prevent Team Coordinator. The contract began October 1, 2009, and will run through June 30, 2010.
- The Commission discussed possible approaches to establishing Education and Outreach *Innovative Partnerships*, which would support community organizations with outreach efforts on issues of interest shared by SCFCC. The Commission suggested that First 5 Shasta develop a competitive process for this funding.
- The Commission awarded Temporary Support Grants to Shasta Women's Refuge, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Shasta County Public Health/WIC, and Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

##### **b. Appoint Committee Member to attend October 28, 2009 SCFFC Meeting and Public Hearing**

Dorothy Tello will check her availability.

#### **5. Special Opportunity Grant Update: *Assistive Technology Friendly Classroom, GREAT Partnership* – Tracy Ray**

Tracy Ray, GREAT Partnership, provided the committee with an update on a spring 2007 Special Opportunity grant, which was funded for the amount of \$7,451. The grant funded the purchase of Assistive Technology (AT) equipment and training for use of the equipment. Ray explained that the GREAT Partnership serves students with special needs, including those that are orthopedically impaired, in the Gateway, Redding, and Enterprise School Districts. Via a power point presentation, Ray displayed various pieces of AT equipment, such as a light box, a touch screen, and voice output switches. She also provided information about how each piece of equipment is beneficial for a child with special needs. Ray explained that the GREAT Partnership now has its own AT Specialist. There is on-going training for use of the equipment and how to access what equipment would be the most beneficial for each child.

#### **6. Overview of *Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)* – Liz Poole**

Liz Poole discussed the collaboration of First 5 Shasta and Shasta County Mental Health to offer community-wide Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) training in Shasta County. Poole provided an overview of the program, which included a discussion of the

program's five levels of intervention (copy of handout on file). Shasta County will be implementing Levels 2 through 5. The program serves a continuum of goals stretching from prevention to early intervention to treatment, and draws from a set of principles and parenting strategies. Triple P programs and parenting strategies cover the developmental continuum from infants through adolescence. Poole showed a video exemplifying Triple P's impact on a participating family.

**7. View and Discuss: *The Heckman Equation***

Due to time constraints, Muffy Berryhill rescheduled *The Heckman Equation* video and discussion until the November meeting.

**8. Director's Report**

Muffy Berryhill stated that Tyler Nichols has resigned from the Advisory Committee.

Berryhill related the Request for Application (RFA) for the "Nurturing Fathers" program was sent out to approximately seventy-five providers. The applications are due at the end of October. The review team will consist of Joe Brouillard, Shasta County Public Health, representatives from Shasta County Probation Department, and First 5 staff. Two providers will be selected by early December. The training for the selected providers is scheduled for January 2010. Amy Pendergast asked if the class would be a requirement set in terms of probation. Berryhill replied that it would be part of a court order. The dedicated probation officer will determine when the class will be taken. The class is for dads, 18-25 years old, with a child and/or children under the age of 5.

**9. Reports from Committee Members**

None.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lillian Brown, Office Assistant