



The Shasta Children and Families First Commission

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Adopted Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2009

Attending Advisory Committee Members:

Barbara Lapp
Jane Nelson
Susanna Sibilsky
Tara Swanson
Dorothy Tello

Advisory Committee Members Not Present:

Amy Pendergast
Frank Sauer

Staff:

Muffy Berryhill
Lillian Brown
Debbie Peel

Audience:

None

1. Welcome/Introductions

Muffy Berryhill called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

No comments were made.

3. Approval of October 13, 2009 Advisory Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from October 13, 2009. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. SCFFC Meeting

a. Report from October 28, 2009 SCFFC meeting/Public Hearing

- The 2008-09 Audit Report was presented. No discrepancies were found. It was recommended that the Commission establish an Audit Committee.

- The 2008-09 Annual Report was also presented. (Copy of the power point presentation was circulated.) First 5 Shasta received \$1,654,287 in 2008-09 tobacco tax funds. Total expenditures for the year were \$1,955,759 with \$1,392,559 directed to program investment. 5,600 unduplicated children under the age of 5 were served directly by First 5 Shasta funded programs. 40% of monies went into family functioning efforts, such as home visiting, parent support, and family literacy. The Annual Report presentation also highlighted the actual impact or results that were obtained for families by each of the programs.
- The Commission approved the Special Opportunity Contract with Shasta County Office of Education for the *Bridges to Success Expansion*.
- The Commission approved the following Temporary Support Contracts: Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, *Parent Partner Expansion*; Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, *Teenage Pregnant and Parenting Program*; and Shasta County Public Health, *Enhanced Breastfeeding Support Services*.
- The Commission approved the contract with Shasta County Public Health for the *Prevent Team Coordinator*.
- The Commission approved the Long Range Financial Plan through the fiscal year 2014-15.
- The Commission discussed revision of the Resource Allocation Plan for the 2010-2014 Strategic plan.

b. Appoint Committee Member to attend December 2, 2009 SCFFC Meeting

Jane Nelson volunteered to attend the December 2, 2009 SCFFC Meeting.

5. Discuss Committee Membership

Muffy Berryhill informed the committee that Jolene Thomas and Kristi Osborne have resigned from the Advisory Committee. With the earlier resignation of Tyler Nichols, the committee now consists of seven members. The commission will consider committee membership.

6. Review and Receive Update on *Kits for New Parents* – Debbie Peel

Debbie Peel presented the Kit for New Parents, which is produced by First 5 California and distributed in English and Spanish in Shasta County. Peel reviewed and circulated kit materials, and provided the committee with a current listing of the twenty-two kit distribution partners (copy of handout on file). Peel stated that approximately 100 English and 5 Spanish kits are distributed on a monthly basis. Peel revealed that Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California will be partnering with First 5 Shasta to expand the distribution of the Spanish kits.

7. First 5 Shasta Program Updates

Muffy Berryhill stated that 5 applications for facilitators for the *Nurturing Fathers* program were received. The review team, which consisted of a representative from the Shasta County Probation Department, a representative from Shasta County Public Health, and a First 5 Shasta representative met on November 9, 2009. Three applicants were

selected to be interviewed the week of November 16, 2009. One to three of the applicants will be selected to train on the program in January/February 2009. The program will launch in February 2009.

Berryhill related she signed the Triple P agreement today, November 10, 2009. On December 11, 2009 there will be a managers' informational meeting when organizations will decide if they will send staff to participate in Triple P training.

8. View Video and Discuss: *The Heckman Equation*

Muffy Berryhill stated that James Heckman is a noble peace prize winner in Economics from the University of Chicago. Heckman conducted research which says investing in early childhood, particularly with those children who are the most vulnerable, will produce \$10 for every \$1 spent. The committee viewed the "Heckman in Depth" video. Following the video, a discussion ensued. The need for universal early quality care was discussed. The website is www.heckmanequation.org. Susanna Sibilsky suggested putting the link on the First 5 Shasta website.

9. Director's Report

Muffy Berryhill stated that the City of Redding's Special Opportunity project "Under the Big Oak" is having a grand opening on November 19, 2009.

Berryhill also related that Whitmore Elementary School is having a grand opening of the special opportunity funded preschool playground on November 14, 2009.

Berryhill stated that the Evaluation Committee will meet on November 12, 2009. LFA Group will be presenting and will meet with the Shasta County Department of Probation and Tri-County Community Network to go over the respective project evaluation plans.

Berryhill related that the next meeting of the committee will be January 12, 2010.

10. Reports from Committee Members

Barbara Lapp stated she received a report from the Water Cooler Committee, which is related to early childcare.

Jane Nelson reported that Northern Valley Catholic Social Service is beginning to administer the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lillian Brown, Office Assistant