

The Shasta Children and Families First Commission
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Adopted Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2010

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
Liz Poole

Audience:

None

1. Welcome/Introductions

Muffy Berryhill called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

No comments were made.

3. Approval of January 12, 2010 Advisory Committee Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from January 12, 2010. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. SCFFC Meeting

a. Report from January 27, 2010 SCFFC meeting

- The Commission approved the contract with the Shasta Family YMCA for Transition Funding, for the Raising a Reader program.
- The Commission received and approved the evaluation design for the *Young Fathers on Probation*.
- The Commission discussed Governor Schwarzenegger's Budget Proposal to Divert Proposition 10 Funding.

- The Commission received a report from the Program Committee. The Commission then discussed the following: a draft outline of the *Request for Applications*, Early Family/Child Mental Health Services; the renewal of the *Parent Partners* program; possible approaches to oral health prevention and early intervention efforts; and possible approaches to continuing support for tobacco cessation.
- The Commission reviewed goals and objectives for the Strategic Plan. Following the discussion, the Commission decided to consider a 10-year strategic plan. LFA Group presented proposed indicators and a draft Evaluation Framework.
- The Commission received an update of the Advisory Committee structure.
- The Commission reappointed members to standing committees.

b. Appoint Committee Member to attend February 24, 2010 SCFFC Meeting

Dorothy Tello will check her calendar to see if she can attend the February 24, 2010 SCFFC meeting.

5. Receive Update on Advisory Committee Member Recruitment

Muffy Berryhill stated she provided the Commission with information gleaned from the last Advisory Committee meeting about recruitment and structure of the Advisory committee. A recruitment email is being prepared and current Advisory Committee members will be added to the announcement for forwarding to additional candidates.

6. Recommend Advisory Committee Members to Serve on SCFFC Standing Committees

a. Program Committee

Muffy Berryhill related that the Commission finds it valuable for a committee member to sit on the Program Committee. The Program Committee provides guidance with future program investments and with resolving problems with current programs. Amy Pendergast has expressed interest in serving on the committee and Jane Nelson voiced interest should Pendergast not be available to serve.

b. Budget Committee

Committee members proposed attempting to fill this position with a newly appointed Advisory member who has a background in finance.

7. Early Mental Health Initiative

Muffy Berryhill stated that the Program Committee identified a priority interest in developing an early mental health initiative. The initiative would focus on prenatal to age 2, the period when there is most difficulty in the parent infant relationship around attachment. Berryhill related that the current First 5 funded infant mental health program, *Healthy Pathways*, will come to end in March 2010. A draft Request for Applications (RFA) is being developed. She further remarked there is \$675,000 available for this 3-year program. Berryhill stated that the RFA is tentatively scheduled for release at the beginning of March and the program should be in place by June or July.

a. Review Proposed Outline of Request for Application (RFA)

Liz Poole offered an overview of the draft RFA outline and asked for input into project design and the review process (copies of handouts on file). In reference to the

RFA, the committee discussed the following: interventions for families with chronic mental illness as a factor; structure of family support; and how to create a network of services. The committee also asked to have a focused application question about family engagement in the program. The committee discussed ways of insuring applicant organization financial stability. Muffy Berryhill lead the discussion on emphasizing sustainability.

b. Discuss Application Review Team

Berryhill related that the review team was tentatively scheduled to meet the week of May 3, 2010 and asked for volunteers. Dorothy Tello and Tara Swanson volunteered to serve on the review team.

8. Director's Report

Muffy Berryhill discussed the Governor's proposal to return Proposition 10 to the ballot and suggested opposition to the Governor's proposal could be expressed.

Berryhill asked for volunteers to review the final draft of the Strategic Plan. Tara Swanson, Susanna Sibilsky, Dorothy Tello, and Barbara Lapp volunteered to read over the draft Strategic Plan.

Berryhill gave a brief summary of the outcome of the *Nurturing Father's* training, provided by Mark Perlman during the first week of February at First 5 Shasta. There were approximately 18 people in attendance. Berryhill commented that four of the attendees are participants in the First 5 Shasta/Probation Department program. Nine of the participants expressed interest in offering the *Nurturing Father's Program* to their clientele.

Berryhill reminded the committee that Dr. Kyle Pruitt would be giving a 3-hour public lecture on "Strengthening Fatherhood" on February 10, 2010.

9. Reports from Committee Members

None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lillian Brown, Office Assistant