



**The Shasta Children and Families First Commission**

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Adopted Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2009**

**Attending Advisory Committee Members:**

Barbara Lapp  
Jane Nelson  
Tyler Nichols  
Kristi Osborn  
Amy Pendergast  
Frank Sauer  
Susanna Sibilsky  
Tara Swanson  
Jolene Thomas

**Staff:**

Lillian Brown  
Linda Wright

**Audience:**

Savannah Early; Kathy Thompson and Jeannie Jacobs, Shasta County Office of Education; Jennifer Moore and Gina Geisler, City of Redding Recreation; Cleo Lane, Whitmore School; Sarah Sheetz, Therapy Station; Dawn Suttmoeller, KIXE

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Muffy called the meeting to order and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. Public Comment**

No comments were made.

**3. Spring 2009 Special Opportunity Grant Recommendations**

Committee members completed the Conflict of Interest forms (copy on file). Jolene Thomas was recused from discussion and from voting on the Shasta County Office of Education project, due to her employment by the organization. It was determined that there was no conflict of interest with Amy Pendergast voting on the City of Redding and/or Shasta County Office of Education projects.

**a. Review Recommendations from Review Team**

Muffy reported that six proposals were received for the Spring 2009 round of Special Opportunity Funding. The Review Team reviewed the

proposals and recommended funding four of them. The Review Team recommended no funding for the Northern California Educational TV “Parenting Counts” project and the Health Improvement Partnership’s “Building Young Brains” project. The summary of each qualifying proposal recommended for funding was distributed and reviewed (copy on file).

Cleo Lane, a parent representative for Whitmore Elementary, spoke briefly about the pending preschool playground project. The playground will be built near the library and will be open to the public.

Jolene Thomas recused herself and left the room during the following discussion. Jeannie Jacobs and Kathy Thompson both of Shasta County Office of Education offered additional information regarding the Bridges to Success Expansion program. A trained behavior coach would work with each child for 6-8 weeks. The coaches would be trained to work with many different types of behaviors. The program would assist in helping children with behavior problems to remain in preschool.

Sarah Sheetz, Therapy Station, provided additional information about the Sensory Tools Lending Library project. She stated that File Maker Pro would be utilized to keep track of the library’s inventory. The materials would be available to schools and to families.

Jennifer Moore and Gina Geisler, from the City of Redding Recreation Department, answered questions and offered further details about the “Under the Big Oak” project. Ms. Geisler remarked that Shasta College is very excited about assisting with this project.

Dawn Suttmoeller with Northern California Educational TV offered additional information about the “Parenting Counts” program (copies of handouts on file). Ms. Suttmoeller stated the program has just started in Butte County.

**b. Formulate Recommendations to SCFFC for Special Opportunity Grant Awards (Action Item)**

Following discussion of each proposal, the Advisory Committee recommended the following:

- Jane Nelson moved to recommend funding Whitmore Elementary’s “Preschool Playground” project for funding of \$9,500. Tara Swanson seconded the motion. There were 7 ayes with Frank Sauer dissenting. Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

- Jolene Thomas recused herself and left the room. Amy Pendergast moved to recommend funding Shasta County Office of Education’s “Bridges to Success Expansion” project of \$13,000. Susanna Sibilsky

seconded the motion. There were 7 ayes, 1 recusal, and Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

- Tara Swanson moved to recommend funding Therapy Station’s “Sensory Tools” project of \$5,500. Tyler Nichols seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

- Frank Sauer moved to recommend funding the City of Redding Recreation Department’s “Under the Big Oak” project of \$12,000. Jolene Thomas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

- Amy Pendergast moved to invite Northern California Educational Television to submit a revised proposal for the next Special Opportunity round. Tara Swanson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

- Jane Nelson moved to invite Health Improvement Partnership to submit a revised proposal for the next Special Opportunity round. Frank Sauer seconded the motion. There were 6 ayes with Susanna Sibilsky dissenting. Kristi Osborne and Barbara Lapp abstained.

**The motion was approved.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lillian Brown, Office Assistant