

SHASTA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

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Adopted Minutes
January 28, 2009

Location: Shasta Children & Families First Commission Office
1135 Pine Street, Suite 21, Redding, CA

1. Call to Order by Andrew Deckert, Vice Chair at 3:00 p.m.

Introductions of those present were made as follows:

Commissioners: Andrew Deckert
Linda Hartman
Maxine Wayda
Jennifer Moranda
Barbara Lapp

Advisory Committee: Susanna Sibilsky

Staff: Muffy Berryhill, Executive Director
Kris Nichols, Office Manager
Elizabeth Poole, Associate Director
Linda Wright, Contract Coordinator

Audience members included the following:

Guadalupe Orozco, Shaylene Herndon, Elena Norman, Lynn Dorman, Margaret Jensen, Michelle Peterson, Cindy Dodds, Tri County Community Network; Maegan Lokteff, Shasta Women's Refuge; Diana Marshall, New Directions to Hope; Cathy Wyatt, Susan Thompson, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service; Anna Diaz, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council; Melissa Gruhler, Far Northern Regional Center; Susan Wilson, Linda McBride, Health Improvement Partnership.

2. Public Comment Period - Members of the public are entitled under the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 ET seq) to address the Commission on any matter within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. The Act prohibits the Commission from taking action or discussing the item unless it is already on the agenda.

No public comments given. Muffy Berryhill acknowledged Michelle Peterson for her work with Tri County Community Network.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2008 SCFFC Meeting – **Action Item**

Moved/Seconded: Moranda/Lapp to approve SCFFC Minutes of December 10, 2008.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Hartman **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

4. Discuss California Budget and Implications for Proposition 10

This discussion item was originally number six on the agenda. Muffy Berryhill reviewed an excerpt from the State Legislative Analyst's Office (1-22-09) regarding the current California Budget as it pertains to Proposition 10 and the response from the First 5 Association of California (copy attached to minutes). In the Governor's current proposal funding for First 5 California would be eliminated and local commission funding would be reduced by 50%. Until the state budget is finalized it is unknown what the exact impact on local commissions will be. Berryhill suggested convening a Budget Committee meeting to review future impact on the First 5 Shasta budget.

5. Consider Commitment of \$83,962 to Support Healthy Families Program through June 30, 2009 – **Action Item**

Muffy Berryhill reviewed the information regarding First 5 Shasta's participation in supporting the Healthy Families Program in Shasta County (copy attached to minutes). The Healthy Families Program faces a deficit in the 2008-09 year. First 5 California responded with a request from MRMIB to contribute \$16,700,000 to the program to cover health care premiums for children up to age 5 who are new applicants to the program. First 5 California has requested local commissions to participate with their counties share of the cost.

The contract between First 5 California and MRMIB adheres with the Health and Safety Code and includes a non-supplantation clause. After discussion Commissioners agreed to the reimbursement to First 5 California to support the Healthy Families Program in Shasta County.

Moved/Seconded: Lapp/Moranda to approve commitment of \$83,961.93 to support the Healthy Families Program in Shasta County through June 30, 2009.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Hartman **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

6. Consider Extension of Tri County Community Network *Bright Futures Program* through June 30, 2009 - **Action Item**

Muffy Berryhill discussed the proposed contract extension with Tri County Community Network for the *Bright Futures Program* (copy attached to minutes). Berryhill commented that this extension would align the current contract with the end of the fiscal year for an additional \$10,000. Berryhill observed that this will give staff time to assess the investment in the Intermountain Region and whether a community-based, para-professional program has a role in SCFFC's priority objectives.

Cindy Dodds reported that staff is stunned with the growing need for resources in the Intermountain Region. Dodds believes that Bright Futures and Tri County Community Network are positioned in the Intermountain Region to help SCFFC implement future priority objectives.

Moved/Seconded: Wayda/Moranda to approve extension of Tri County Community Network *Bright Futures* Program for \$10,000 through June 30, 2009.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Hartman **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

7. Consider Revision of 2009-2014 SCFFC Long-Range Financial Plan – Action Item

Muffy Berryhill reviewed the 2009-2014 SCFFC Long-Range Financial Plan approved December 10, 2008 (copy attached to minutes). Berryhill pointed out that the Financial Plan presented contains the approved changes in Committed and Uncommitted priority objectives; it also contains the change in Special Opportunity funding. A revised Long-Range Financial Plan will be brought to the Commission at a later date when possible Proposition 10 funding changes will be more certain.

8. Consider Appointments to SCFFC Evaluation Committee – Action Item

Muffy Berryhill discussed the SCFFC Evaluation Committee appointments (copy attached to minutes). Candidates for the committee are Barbara Lapp and Judith Englesby-Smith from the Commission, Susanna Sibilsky and Jolene Thomas from the Advisory Committee, and three community representatives; Brandy Isola, MPH, Robin Schurig, MPH and Sheri Wiggins. The Evaluation Committee will be a Brown Act committee, meeting approximately every two months. Members will be reviewing First 5 Shasta programs to help formulate recommendations to the Commission regarding evaluation design, logic models and desired results identification. The first meeting of the Evaluation Committee will be held in early March with the existing evaluators. Berryhill commented that the Request for Application for Evaluator Contractors is scheduled to be released in February.

Moved/Seconded: Hartman/Deckert to appoint Barbara Lapp, Judith Englesby-Smith, Susanna Sibilsky, Jolene Thomas, Brandy Isola, Robin Schurig and Sheri Wiggins to the SCFFC Evaluation Committee.

Ayes: Moranda, Wayda, Deckert, Lapp, Hartman **Nays:** None **Motion:** Approved

9. Appoint SCFFC 2009 Officer Nominating Committee

Judie Smith was appointed to the Officer Nominating Committee. Muffy Berryhill commented that Jane Wilson from Department of Social Services has been appointed to the Commission by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

10. Consider Combining April and May SCFFC Meetings to May 6, 2009

Commissioners agreed to combine the April and May SCFFC meetings to May 6, 2009.

11. Receive Presentation on Establishing a 211 System for Shasta County

Susan Wilson presented information on the *211 System* for Shasta County (copy attached to minutes). The 211 telephone number is used by counties to connect people with community services and volunteer opportunities. The Shasta County application to the CPUC is in process. Wilson will keep the Commission informed on the application progress and future developments.

12. Reports

a. Advisory Committee Report –Susanna Sibilsky

Sibilsky reported that the Special Opportunity grants will be coming in and they are looking forward to reviewing those grant applications.

b. Director's Report

Muffy Berryhill reported on several meetings that were held:

- Berryhill met with Cathy Wyatt from NVCSS and with Maxine Wayda to discuss broadening and coordinating Mental Health services in Shasta County. Discussion focused on identifying a certified or academic course for therapists that work with infants and toddlers.
- Berryhill is participating in a series of meetings regarding the mental health needs of preschool-aged children. There is an increasing severity of presenting issues in 2, 3 and 4 years olds and expulsion from early care sites. Few services are available for these children and families.
- Berryhill reported on discussions to expand Triple P as a mental health approach in Shasta County. Initial reports about the program at Head Start are very positive. Discussion will continue on the need for broader based capacity and increasing access to Triple P providers. Triple P also is included in the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) Plan.
- Berryhill attended a meeting with members of the Shasta County Probation Department. Discussion is focused on a community-based, evidence based parenting program for 18-25 year old fathers with 0-5 year old children. There are currently programs for women and couples in the system.
- A meeting is scheduled with Marta McKenzie, Jane Work and Kathey Kakiuchi to discuss potential linkages between Cal Works and Children and Family Services. The group will be looking at promising practices and statewide models.
- Berryhill shared the revised model for the SCFFC priority objectives. She would like to share the potential approaches with the Violence Initiative collaborative. Commissioners agreed.
- A 0-3 conference is being planned as part of First 5 Regional Technical Assistance. Berryhill is on the planning committee and is requesting ideas for speakers. Shasta County is scheduled to host a regional conference in September on obesity.
- Berryhill reported that the PREVENT Institute Team has met several times and is starting to define steps in strategic planning. The group is looking at data indicators for child maltreatment and future funding streams. A goal is to have a team strategic plan completed in May. Maxine Wayda commented that the team is defining leadership, identifying information to be collected over time and moving towards program development activities across sectors with evidence based practices. Liz Poole, Joy Garcia and Brandy Isola are also participating in the group.

c. Commissioner Reports

Barbara Lapp shared several recent articles from the Sacramento Bee regarding First 5 issues. Andrew Deckert shared an article linking child victimization and maltreatment with the existence of intimate partner violence.

Meeting adjourned: 4:42 p.m.

Next regular meeting scheduled: **Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Nichols,
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First 5 Shasta